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Gallery owner arrest puts focus on Carmel art business

By TAMARA GRIPPI

SHOCK WAVES ran through the Carmel art community this week as gallery owner Stephen Wood was arrested, marking the second time in less than three weeks that he's been charged with grand theft.

On Saturday, police arrested Wood in front of his Carmel Views home after investigators learned that he had allegedly failed to credit a customer's Visa account for $3,500 when she returned a painting she had purchased. Instead, Wood reportedly charged the woman an additional $3,500.

After the customer discovered the erroneous charges, Wood allegedly credited her

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Mule heads or scapegoats?

Judge orders goat dairy closed

By STEPHEN BLOCK

IN A hearing that lasted only a few minutes last Friday, Superior Court Judge Richard Silver declared that Ana and Gilbert Cox's Cachagua goat dairy was "a continuing public nuisance" and in violation of county law.

After listening to brief arguments by attorneys, the judge ordered the Coxes to "abate all conditions which cause the nuisance," specifically to tear down and destroy their milking barn and cheese plant. Also to go must be the goat shed, constructed and operated without permits.

There was no testimony by Ana or Gil

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EASTWOODS' GIFT:

'Priceless scenery'

PHOTOS/PAUL MILLER

Clint and Maggie Eastwood won applause and thanks Thurs. for donating their $6 million Coast Ranch for conservation and flood control. Forty acres! will be kept by the Eastwoods, but will be forever dedicated to agriculture and open space, so future generations can enjoy the view of artichokes and mustard fields by the Carmel River.

By KIRSTIE WILDE

WHEN LOCALS scan the open fields at the mouth of Carmel Valley in the year 2097, they can thank an Italian sharecropper, a million movie fans, and Clint and Maggie Eastwood for preserving the land. Without them, the artichoke fields along the Carmel River might be sprouting condominiums, a shopping center or a marina instead.

Wednesday night Eastwood signed the deeds, and Thursday morning Clint and Maggie officially gave most of the $6 million dollar Coast Ranch to the Big Sur Land Trust and Monterey County. Because of their generosity, the lucky folks who live around here in a hundred years may still see a farmer tending his crops by the river as Battista Odello did in 1924.

Grateful community

"This is a tremendous gift for us and the community," said Zad Leavy, founder of the Big Sur Land Trust which received the deeds. "Our Board of Trustees joins me in applauding Maggie and Clint for their generosity."

Leavy noted that 17 years of effort by the Odello family, the Land Trust, environmentalists and politicians only paid off because the Eastwoods were willing to pay the tab.

"I'm delighted to be included in this group and I'm glad we're saving as much land as we can" said Maggie, drawing loud applause from the audience at Hudson House, next to Pt. Lobos. "I've always loved this area and it looks like I'm going to continue to!"

Clint gave credit to a former county supervisor, "I'd like to thank Sam Karas, the man who won't go away. He did a tremendous selling job on me about the

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Rate payers to cover 'exorbitant' bills of hired guns in dam hearings

By PAUL WOLF

WHEN THE PUC holds hearings on the Carmel River Dam early next year, Cal-Am water customers will be reaching into their own pockets to pay for the attorneys and expert witnesses who command as much as $225 per hour.

Cal-Am General Manager Larry Foy told The Pine Cone this week that the cost of water will have to go up to reimburse local groups and their technical experts who testify on the merits and demerits of the dam.

Six partisans in the dam debate have asked for a combined $637,825 in compensation, and whether or not all of that is awarded, rate payers on the Peninsula will eventually foot the bill.

"We will have to recover these costs somehow," Foy said, noting that the PUC will ask the water company, and thereby its customers, to pay.

The PUC is preparing for formal "evidentiary hearings" on the dam project that has been studied by the

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District since 1989 and that was voted down by the electorate in 1995.

Now that the dam is a private project under the PUC's jurisdiction, it will be studied not exactly from scratch — but very thoroughly, with a fresh examination of alternatives and of the area's water problem.

Told you so...

"It's unfortunate that people didn't vote for the (water district's) dam in 1995, because we knew that it would ultimately cost more if Cal-Am pursued it," said Tom Rowley, vice president of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers' Association.

Rowley said he is unhappy about the fine ($168,000) the state has imposed on Cal-Am for continuing to pump more water from Carmel River than its legal entitlement, a state of affairs that could continue until the dam is built years from now. Had the dam been approved in 1995, the fine would never have been handed down.

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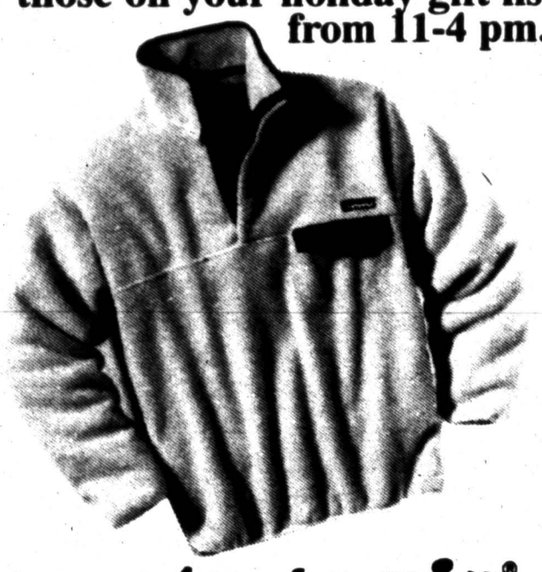

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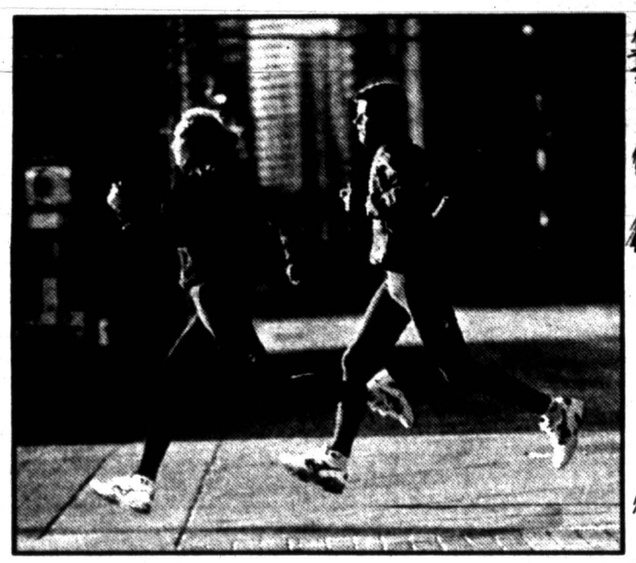

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FINAL VOTE UNANIMOUS

P.B. homeowners' association supports golf, horse, lot plan

By KIRSTIE WILDE

THE HOLDOUT "no" vote changed his mind at the Del Monte Forest Property Owners Association board meeting in Pebble Beach Monday, making unanimous the vote to support the P.B. Co.'s golf course, equestrian center and 316-lot development plan.

The DMFPO board represents about 1,700 residents in the Del Monte Forest.

He still had some reservations, but director Bill Phillips told The Pine Cone that all of his concerns about traffic, water, open space and the equestrian center were reflected in the list of conditions attached to board's resolution, so he voted in favor.

"I wrote the conditions," said Phillips.

(The complete text of the DMFPO board resolution, including all the conditions, is printed in this week's Pine Cone, beginning on page 5C.)

Phillips said he had two lingering doubts about the company's plan to build out its property in the forest: Will the 400 acres designated "open space/forest" stay that way forever? And will the entire, state-of-the-art equestrian center be completed before the old one is shut down?

P.B. Co. Executive Vice President Mark Stilwell made these assurances at the meeting, as he has in writing in the past:

"We will complete the equestrian center to the point where we get a certificate of occupancy — that includes all of the facilities that we've proposed for the new center — before we relocate the current operation or move the horses."

> *'There's no question the equestrian center will be better than it is now.'*
> — DMFPO board director Bill Phillips

About the open space, Stilwell said, "the open space/forest designations we will grant in perpetuity, either through a grant deed to the Del Monte Forest Foundation, or through a permanent conservation easement to the Foundation.

Phillips told The Pine Cone that he believes the P.B. Co.'s word is trustworthy, and that he thinks the new equestrian center will be an improvement. "The proposed plan is for a world-class equestrian center with state-of-the-art training facilities, open-air riding arena and a covered, lighted arena. There's no question it will be better than it is now."

Final say on the golf course, equestrian center and lot plan will be made by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

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Potter hit with second lawsuit over unpaid bills

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

FIFTH DISTRICT Supervisor Dave Potter has been sued again over bills remaining from his days as a general contractor.

On November 25 Granite Rock Company, a supplier of building materials based in Watsonville, filed a suit against Potter in Monterey County Superior Court claiming that Potter owes the company more than $7,200 for materials supplied to Potter Construction by Granite Rock over a four-year period.

The lawsuit also alleges that a $4,600 check Granite Rock received from Potter last December bounced — twice.

Potter, reached by telephone at a meeting of the California Coastal Commission in San Francisco, said he was surprised by the suit. "I've worked out a repayment plan with them and as far as I know I am current on those payments," Potter said.

A similar lawsuit was filed last July by Hayward Lumber over more than $10,000 the company said it was owed by Potter construction. Potter has been making payments to Hayward to settle that lawsuit.

Potter was elected supervisor in November, 1996, after a campaign marked by allegations from his opponent, Jeff Davi, that Potter had a disastrous record of finances and litigation.

Potter says he has had some business problems which he says were caused by up-and-down cycles in the construction business, but he says "now that I am in office I intend to remain issue-focused."

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Police & Sheriff's Log

After report of burglary-in-progress, police find woman in bathtub

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Caller reported losing his medical kit. As officer was searching for the kit at an inn on Junipero, man called the inn and stated that he had found the kit at his home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident was walking his dogs near the Carmel River and found three wood picture frames. He remembered hearing of art thefts and contacted police.

Carmel area: Guest at a Big Sur inn observed a boat off shore while having lunch. After a few minutes the vessel disappeared from view in a manner that suggested it had sunk.

Carmel area: Man reports an open door at a residence on Carmelo Street. Search was conducted. Nothing appeared abnormal; door secured upon leaving.

Carmel area: Jaguar on Hwy. 1 southbound stopped and cited for driving offenses. Other violations discovered; vehicle towed and stored.

Carmel area: On Edgefield Place a woman reports three trees from her neighbor's yard fell on her fence. She was advised it was a civil problem.

Carmel Valley: Woman reports that her daughter, 43, has not been in contact with her for more than a week and that is unusual. Nor has the daughter returned any of the phone calls. Daughter contacted and everything appeared normal. She said she refused to call her mother because of a recent argument. Case closed.

Carmel Valley: Party in Midville, Utah, requested a family in Carmel Valley be contacted to deliver an emergency message.

Carmel Valley: On Carmel Valley Road a man reports the sign to the "Rancho Rio Vista" homeowners association has been stolen.

Pebble Beach: Woman stopped at Hwy. 1 Pebble Beach gate asking to be taken to the hospital. Sheriff gave her a courtesy ride but she refused to go into the hospital. She was later found in her car with an open bottle of beer under the influence.

Pebble Beach: Laurel Lane couple had a dispute over the discipline of their son. Wife felt husband was too harsh.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two persons were selling cleaning supplies door-to-door. Neither had a permit from the city. Advised of Municipal Code and stopped.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Mother arrived at Carmel Police Department to report that her daughter received injuries sustained after receiving possible corporal punishment from girl's father. Referred to DA [who declined to prosecute].

Carmel area: In the Highlands area a female reports having problems with one of her neighbors who she suspects may be responsible for the lack of leaves on one of her trees. She was advised to consult an attorney.

Carmel area: Valley Way resident reported that someone broke into his car and stole his stereo and two CD's.

Carmel area: Students at a local high school were cited for being under the influence of marijuana and tobacco; they also had an open bottle of tequila on school grounds.

Carmel area: Person at a Big Sur restaurant called to report that a notorious troublemaker was on the restaurant's property and was causing problems. The woman had been asked to leave. She has been living in her motorhome below the property. She finally left the premises.

Carmel area: Hwy. 1 and Ocean Avenue a vehicle was broken down in the number two lane of the highway blocking traffic. Vehicle towed and stored.

Carmel Valley: Man on Oak Road reported that his landlord locked him out of his apartment. Landlord denied locking the man out. Advised landlord that if she wanted her tenant evicted, she would have to go through the legal eviction process.

Carmel Valley: A Carmel Valley inn employee reported that someone broke into his car while he was at work and burglarized it. Estimated loss: $575.

Carmel Valley: Man on Del Fino Place reported that his tool box was stolen from his truck and that it was pulled through a window that was already broken.

Pebble Beach: Woman from the Pebble Beach Lodge phoned the sheriff to ask how to deal with two people that were following and annoying her. She refused to identify herself or file any report.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Jewelry store on Ocean Ave. reported that a suspicious male was loitering outside the business for two days. He may be 'casing' the store. Advised to call police again if he returns.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Inn manager called to report a case of 'defrauding an innkeeper' from three months ago. He attempted recovery by way of small claims court but wanted criminal action because he can't get the subject served with civil papers. Advised that it is still a civil case and to hire a process server.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen requested welfare check on resident on Santa Rita. Caller said resident has been acting like she is misusing drugs the past few weeks. Contact made. No substance abuse noted; the house was clean and resident said she is fine.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dispatch reports receiving a 911 call with a fax tone in the background from a residence on Lincoln.

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Thieves hit shoe shop in The Barnyard

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HEDI'S SHOE store in The Barnyard shopping center was the victim of four thieves on Tuesday afternoon.

According to the Monterey County Sheriff's log, four unidentified suspects took $2,000 worth of merchandise.

A clerk in the shoe store told The Pine Cone that the thieves knew what they wanted — they stole only one brand of expensive handbags, "The Dunes."

"They couldn't possibly have wanted them for their own use, and must have some way of peddling them," the clerk said.

She hoped any citizens who may be approached to buy the bags will instead call the sheriff.

All the merchandise was stolen from one corner of the shop. Hedi's owners spent Wednesday afternoon relocating some displays to make themselves less vulnerable to shoplifters, according to the clerk.

The sheriff categorized the crime as grand theft.

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Land Trust seeks contributions for more Lobos land

By PAUL MILLER

AMID THE euphoria over Clint and Maggie Eastwood's donation this week of a critical piece of scenic property on the south bank of the Carmel River comes a warning from the Big Sur Land Trust that there is still more property nearby that should be preserved as permanent open space.

The BSLT is especially interested in a huge area known as Point Lobos Ranch — more than 1,300 acres of verdant hillsides on the east side of Highway 1, which the land trust hopes will one day become part of the wildly popular Point Lobos State Reserve.

Most of that acreage is already owned by the land trust and 492 acres of it will be transferred to state parks very soon. Other portions of the ranch will go to state parks in 2000 and 2003. But several significant parcels right in the middle of the future state park land remain in private ownership, a situation that Big Sur Land Trust General Manager Zad Leavy says will cause conflicts for park visitors, as well as for private landowners.

"Over the long term we want to acquire these additional parcels because it's always a problem in any public facility when you've got inholdings. If we can avoid those problems today its going to be much better for the public in the future," Leavy said.

Big Sur Land Trust director of development Maggie Hardy says that public support is the key to future land acquisitions at Pt. Lobos. "We feel this project is so visible and has a lot of community interest, that the public will support us as long as they understand what the issues are, and that their dollars will make it possible to acquire this vital land," Hardy said.

PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Clint Eastwood signs the deeds and easement agreements on $6 million worth of farm land Wednesday as Leah Chism prepares to notarize them. His gift to the Big Sur Land Trust kicks off the 20th anniversary of the conservation group, which Eastwood says 'puts its money where its mouth is.'

Two prominent Carmel citizens have already made large contributions to the fund for land acquisitions at Point Lobos Ranch — City Councilwoman Barbara Livingston has pledged $5,000, and former Planning Commissioner Sue McCloud has pledged $10,000.

Livingston explains her devotion to the land by talking about her childhood. "My family came here in 1936 and we made so many trips down there that I've always loved the hill east of Pt. Lobos. I would suffer a great deal to see that land developed."

McCloud agrees that keeping the hills along Highway 1 near Pt. Lobos undeveloped is a key issue for the future of Carmel. "If we let houses go up all over those hills we'll look just like Los Angeles," she says.

The biggest gift so far is a $100,000 "challenge grant" made by the McMahan Foundation of Carmel. The Foundation, started in the 1950s by one of the owners of the McMahan furniture store chain, supports dozens of worthy causes in the Carmel area.

"Pt. Lobos has always been very near and dear to our family, and this grant is just a way to provide an incentive for more people to get involved," foundation President Nicki McMahan told The Pine Cone.

Big Sur Land Trust officials say they are different from some other environmental groups — that they work with willing property owners to come up with open space solutions that serve the public interest without trampling on private property rights.

That operating philosophy has succeeded well for the land trust in many of its highly-visible land acquisitions.

But Ted Richter, owner of one of the Pt. Lobos inholdings, says he is not in negotiations with the BSLT because he just doesn't want to sell the old stone house just off Highway 1 that he has owned for many years.

He has submitted plans to Monterey County to turn the stone house into a ten-room bed and breakfast.

"From the road, you won't be able to tell our project from what's there now," Richter said. Others believe a small, quaint inn near Pt. Lobos would be an asset.

Land trust officials hope Richter will change his mind. In the meantime, they encourage anybody interested in supporting the Big Sur Land Trust to contact them at 625-5523

EASTWOOD

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Big Sur Land Trust, and the wonderful things they've done in this area . . . unlike a lot of organizations that talk a lot and don't put their money where their mouth is."

Eastwood has made no secret of his distaste for the Sierra Club, and told The Pine Cone, "I wouldn't give the Sierra Club a nickel. They get everybody's money and then use it to file obstructionist lawsuits. Then the county has to defend itself and that's the taxpayer's money. The donations are wasted." Eastwood would like to see more money used to actually buy scenic open space from willing property owners.

What might have been

During the past decades, there have been proposals to build housing, shops, a farmers' market, even a freshwater marina on the 134-acre property east of Highway 1. Bruna Odello told The Pine Cone that her family's patriarch, Battista Odello, was offered $3 million in the '50s by developers. He turned them down and continued to farm. Ironically, when Battista passed away in '63 and Bruna's husband died in '74, the huge inheritance taxes forced the family to sell much of their farm to the state.

"Inheritance taxes just killed those of us who didn't die," she told The Pine Cone. "We weren't sophisticated enough to get a living trust; we just had simple wills and so we lost most of the family money and land."

During the next 20 years, the Odellos tried to raise the value of the remaining land by applying for permits to build homes on about 40 acres. They wanted to keep the most scenic property in artichokes. But 20 years of fighting with the county over permits simply wore them out and depleted their bank account.

'The 134-acre ranch will be preserved for agriculture and open space forever.'

— Zad Leavy, Big Sur Land Trust

"Bruna needed to sell, so Clint and Maggie stepped in to buy the Coast Ranch in 1995," said Alan Williams, a business associate of the Eastwoods and owner of Carmel Development Co. By then, the ranch had permits for an 82-home subdivision and rights to 190 acre-feet of water.

Of course the Eastwoods could have made big profits if they'd sold the lots or built houses, but the first move they made was to protect Mission Fields from another disastrous flood.

"We contacted the county and said 'lower the levee so Mission Fields doesn't take another bath,'" Clint recalled. "The Odellos wanted to do the same thing, but they never got any credit, which is typical. It's too bad that the bureaucracy in the county and landowners got into a stalemate. . . too bad they had to wait until a flood to do something."

What will be

The Eastwoods are not only giving the 82-home subdivision to the land trust. They are also giving 39 acres to the county for flood control, and 6 lots to Cal-Am Water Co. so it can drill substitute wells there and eliminate others farther upstream. That would preserve acres of Carmel River habitat, but if Cal-Am doesn't comply within 36 months, the property will revert to the Eastwoods.

The gift also includes about 180 acre-feet of water, which will benefit the entire community, and a permanent agricultural easement on the remaining acreage, in favor of both the county and the land trust.

The bottom line for the future, says Leavy: "The 134-acre ranch will be preserved for agriculture and open space forever."

GOATS

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Cox, nor by any witnesses.

As Senior Deputy County Counsel Efren Iglesia stated: "We have given them all the opportunities to comply" and avoid this legal action. Yet, "for various reasons, they never followed the administrative process through to the end."

Despite repeated admonitions and the denial of use permits and zoning variances, the Coxes have "continued to operate their commercial dairy in violation of the law."

Outside the courtroom and with tears streaming down her face, Ana Cox turned to her attorney John Hannon and sobbed, "What do we do now? What about our goats? How will we live?" He promised to "do a little more research" in hopes of finding a solution.

Ana's continued confusion is understandable. On one hand, Monterey County alleges that their dairy structures are "partially constructed, set-up, and substandard," yet the State of California continues to grade their facilities and award-winning cheese with an "A"... They question the county's allegation that the goat farm and dairy "endangers the health and safety of surrounding property owners and the County at large."

Who's behind it?

They remain convinced that behind the technicalities of the legal complaint lies the real problem: the animosity of a few neighbors.

PHOTO/GILBERT COX

Ana Cox, in bankruptcy after years of fighting the county for her goat dairy, has now been told her "time is up; she may not farm."

Ana and Gil Cox, driven to bankruptcy by the cost of defending themselves, believe there is a conspiracy against them. They recently contacted an attorney in Dallas, Tex. who specializes in RICO (federal racketeering conspiracy) cases, in hopes her investigation will give them relief.

Yet, as Deputy County Counsel Jerrold Malkin pointed out, the area where they live and have their goat dairy "is a residential zone, and they may not farm it."

Expressing his exasperation at the Coxes continued defiance of the law, he said that their "time is up — they have to stop their commercial operations. It's ironclad. There's no way they can get out of it."

Malkin remains optimistic, however, that there may yet be an amicable settlement, without the necessity for further legal proceedings. He said a "case management hearing" will be scheduled in about two months. At that time, if there is no agreement, both sides will begin legal discovery, with an eye towards an eventual trial, perhaps in a year and a half.

In the meantime, if the Coxes continue to operate their goat dairy and cheese making operation, they will be found in contempt of court, and jailed. Such action is "always a possibility" in such matters, according to Malkin. It would take only a complaint by a neighbor. The county planning department would then issue a written Notice of Inspection to the Coxes. Within 24 hours a county zoning or health officer, probably accompanied by a sheriff's deputy, would drive out to Cachagua to verify the violation.

At that point, the county attorney or district attorney would immediately institute contempt proceedings before the court, which would then order either or both Ana and Gil Cox to be jailed.

Former Carmel Inn for Seniors manager accused of fraud

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE FORMER manager of Carmel Inn for Seniors allegedly pocketed the $10,500 she was paid to find and schedule caregivers for an ailing patient, and left the 69-year-old woman without nighttime supervision.

Nedine Scott, 35, of Marina was arraigned Friday on charges of grand theft.

The patient had to be hospitalized after falling and breaking her jaw. When the woman's doctor authorized 24-hour care, Scott stepped forward and told the woman's trust company she would make the arrangements, according to Detective Sgt. Pete Poitras of the Carmel Police Department.

Carmel Inn for Seniors, where the woman lived, doesn't ordinarily provide personal care.

The Southern California-based trust company responsible for the woman's care sent the checks directly to Scott, not to the Inn. The checks were made out to three people, two of whom were relatives of Scott.

The third person whose name was on the checks was the only person who actually cared for the 69-year-old woman, for 10 to 12 hours during the day.

Acting on a tip, the California Department of Social Services found a series of discrepancies in the billings and contacted the Carmel police.

In addition to billing the trust company for nighttime care, Scott allegedly extended the agreement beyond the time originally authorized by the woman's doctor. It was unclear whether the woman needed the 24-hour care, Poitras said.

The allegedly fraudulent billings occurred between July 29 and Oct. 3.

Scott's arraignment has been postponed until Dec. 19, and she is currently out on her own recognizance.

"This appears to be the work of Mrs. Scott herself," Poitras said. "There's no reason to think anyone in ownership or management of the inn had any knowledge of or involvement in this situation."

Homeless woman refuses to leave parking lot, brandishes knife at deputies

A WOMAN living out of her camper brandished a knife at deputies who tried to arrest her when she refused to leave the Safeway parking lot at The Crossroads.

Barbara Musicant allegedly hit and kicked one of the deputies before they finally took her away to jail on Monday. The Monterey County Sheriff's department has had several problems with Musicant in recent months, according to an office spokesperson.

Sayed Faquiryan, the assistant manager at Safeway, said that the supermarket has many problems with homeless people hanging around bothering customers. People who are nervous walking out to their cars ask Safeway employees to accompany them, Faquiryan said.

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Metal 'traditional'— council discontinues wood stop signs

By PAUL WOLF

NOT EVERYTHING in Carmel has to be rustic, tailored to a forest environment and another example of striking quaintness.

That was the message of the Carmel City Council Tuesday when it voted to favor standard, unembellished stop signs of the uniform variety — thin metal pole, with the sheet metal, red octagonal sign itself.

From now on, when signs need to be replaced, they will be metal, not wood.

In point of fact, the sign itself is sacrosanct, under the control of the state. But over the last several years, the city's public works department has been dotting the cityscape with a unique sign that includes a thick wooden post and a wooden framing in the octagonal shape.

Too much is too much, the council said in a 5-0 vote. Throw out the wooden signs and stick with the "traditional" metal.

'Less bulky'

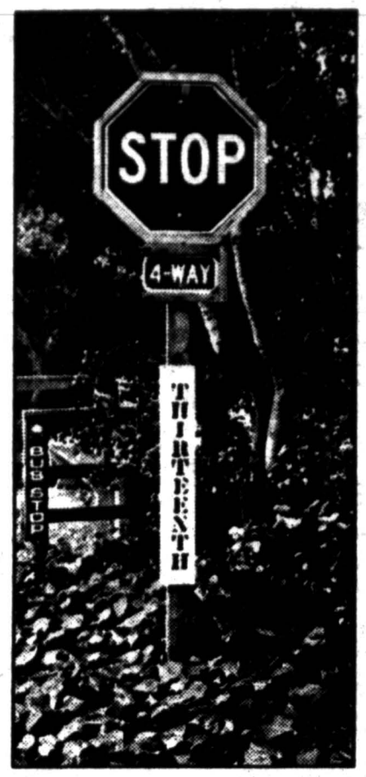
Councilman Marshall Hydorn said he liked the metal signs better because they are "smaller, less bulky."

Councilman Bob Fisher, meanwhile, said,"I can't believe we are spending an hour talking about this subject."

The council will continue to allow the wooden, vertical street signs (letters painted green) that are on the base of most stop signs in town, whether the poll is metal or wood.

The council's decision matched that of the Carmel Planning Commission and ran counter to the recommendation of City Administrator Jere Kersnar, who favored the wood variety, saying it was befitting of Carmel's village-in-the-forest ambiance.

Former planning commissioner Sue McCloud, who studied the issue, called the metal signs "historically correct."



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Wood is rejected . . . . . in favor of metal.

Public Works Director Jim Cullem said metal is cheaper to put up and install. Moreover, it is more durable.

Broader policy

The stop sign debate was a small piece of a broader policy discussion relating to the Public Ways Improvement Projects of the municipal code.

Another key point in the policy was settled when the council supported another planning commission recommendation — to discourage a patchwork of pavement styles in the downtown.

The council voted 4-1 (with Paula Hazdovac dissenting) to preserve half-block and full-block stretches of sidewalks. Too much mixing of different types of pavement, bricks and cobblestones is not good for the look of Carmel, the council agreed.

Dissenter Paula Hazdovac said more variety is probably better than less.

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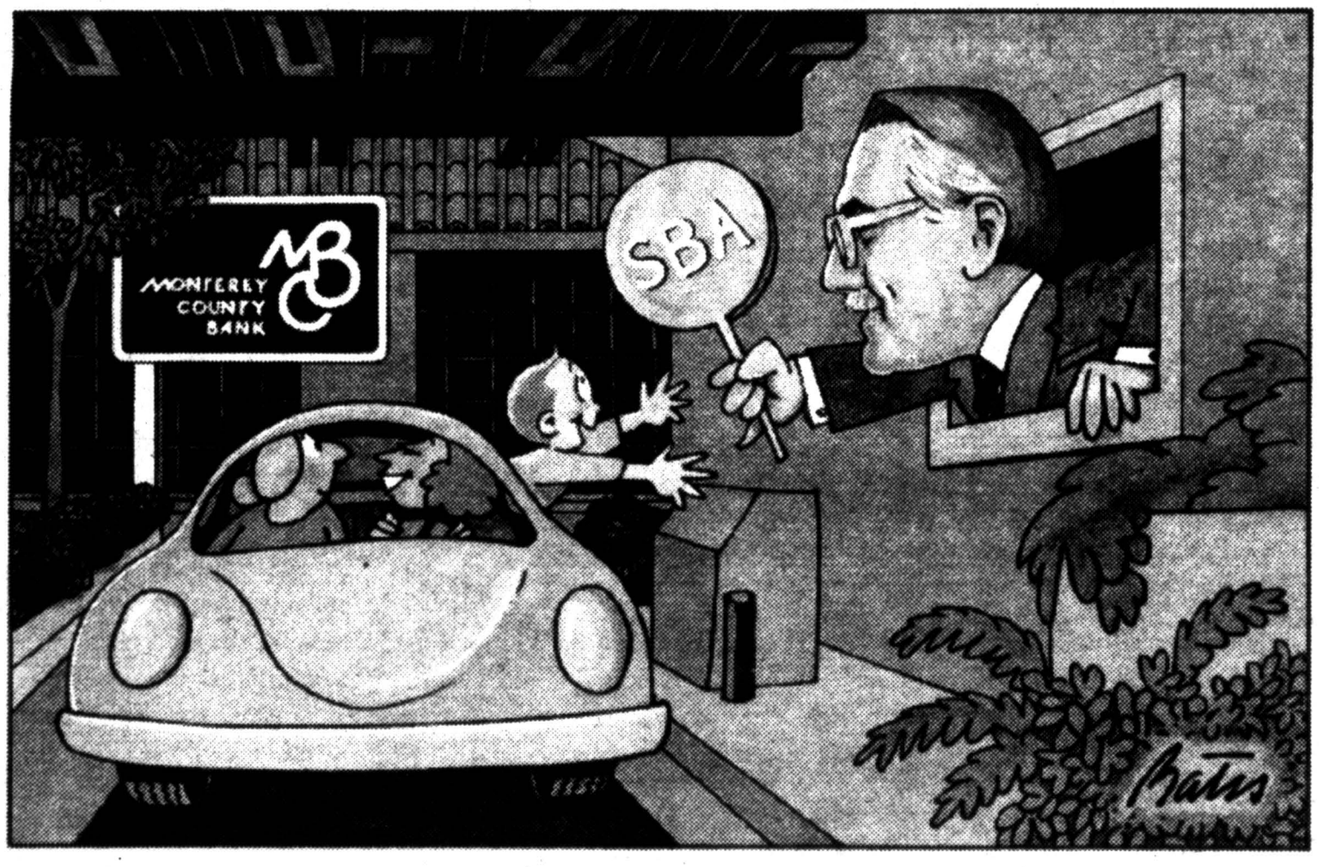

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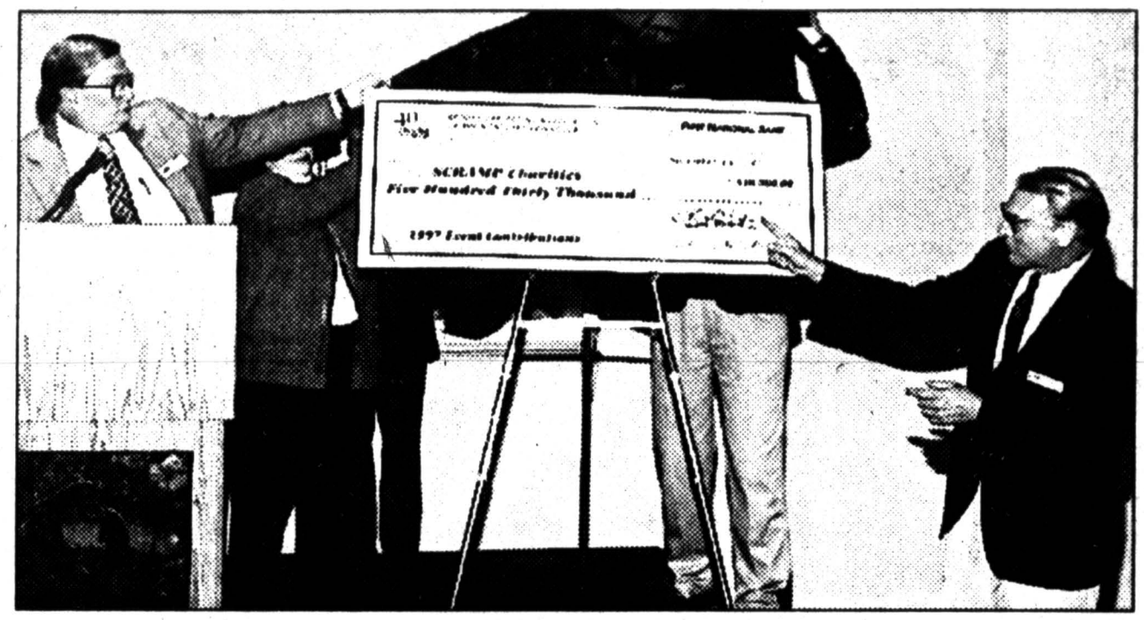
SCRAMP donates to 70 community agencies

By KIERSTEN MCCUTCHAN

THE SPORTS Car Racing Association of Monterey Peninsula (SCRAMP) has just made a donation to 70 community charities and civic organizations for $530,000, a record amount this year.

Checks were given to several agencies for volunteer work at many of the Laguna Seca world-class raceway events like this season's Toyota Challenge, the AMA National Superbike Championship Series, Dunlop United States World Superbike Championship Series, the 24th Annual Monterey Historic Automobile Races and the VISA Sports Car Championships. Groups donated their time and services in the categories of race promotions, registration, parking, spectator assistance, traffic, concession stands, security and admissions.



SCRAMP President Bill Reichmuth unveils 1997 event contributions check as Treasurer John Pfeiffer points out the record amount of $530,000.

Some of the organizations receiving money this year are the United Way of Monterey and Salinas, the CHP, the Carmel Valley Rotary, local Lions Clubs, local high schools, fire fighters and sheriff reserves, the Monterey Boys and Girls Clubs, PG Adult School, Monterey County Special Olympics, the MPC Students of Nursing and many others.

SCRAMP, founded in 1957, is the non-profit group that runs Laguna Seca. This year's donation brings the sum total of contributions from racing events to more than $8 million.

Bill Reichmuth, president of SCRAMP, said, "The members of SCRAMP are very proud to be able to make a record contribution this year. We've had a great year and being able to give this amount of money back to the community is what we're all about."

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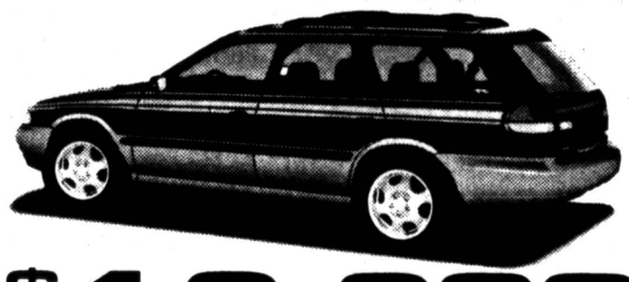

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Fire engines 'on steroids'

Super power tow trucks can save the day

By KIERSTEN MCCUTCHAN

EVERY SPECIES has a giant in its world. The World of Tow Trucks is no exception.

Recently I went for a ride in a red, 33,000-pound, growling, huffing, 10-geared, two-winched Kenworth tow truck installed with a Caterpillar 3406 350 HP engine that has been known to lift trees, tour buses, a 105,000-pound DN-5 Caterpillar tractor (with some help from another red big rig), helicopters and ocean vessels.

It looks like a fire engine on steroids.

"We clear the roadway and get the traffic flowing," says Scott Dommer demurely, driver of the beast for Doc's Towing and Transport in Salinas. It's these guys who specialize in traffic-accident recovery and can pull truckers out of deep mud and haul cars up from a sea-cliff 500 feet down.

All of these miraculous feats have been performed by the crew over at Doc's.

These guys are also trained for medical emergencies; they are considered a first-response unit, so when they are called they are expected to get there with the ambulance and the CHP.

One time, Dommer says, a truck driver fell asleep at the wheel. He was in a cab-over (flat-faced truck with no hood) that hit an embankment and the fifth wheel crushed the cab-over into the ground squeezing the driver in the middle.

Dommer says the call that came in was panicky: "The driver's pinned, they want you to expedite." Dommer translated: The driver had his hands caught in the window under the weight of the crushed truck and the steering column had embedded itself into the driver's body; they expected me to get there as fast as possible.

Even though this is what the big-red trucks are for, Dommer says it makes you nervous to know that "somebody's life is depending on you and you are the only one that can help him."

Sadly, he tells me, despite all their heroic efforts, this driver did not make it.

While I was with him we went to pick up the remains of a water tanker that had rear-ended a truck and spun two 360s across the highway. Dommer pulls out heavy chains from panels on the side of the shiny super-power — these are to be hooked around the under-reach and the motor carcass that is to be hauled. It's not all manual labor though; man and truck alone cannot handle upwards of 60,000 pounds. Dommer says that's what the technological innovation of hydraulics is for: the push of a button can lift tons of metal in the air or make a small comfortable adjustment in the cab to lift your seat.

Doc's has been a Peninsula service for 38 years. Dommer calls the founder, Leon Ginn, "the grandfather of towing."

"When something happens, a lot of CHP officers say 'Call Doc's they'll take care of it,'" Dommer says. "It's hard to have to live up to this kind of reputation."

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Carmel man says Lincoln Navigator saved his life

By KIRSTIE WILDE

CARMEL REALTOR Deen Rowe is recovering from a horrendous car crash Saturday on Carmel Valley Road.

According to his wife, he was hit head-on and his car rolled six times down an embankment before landing on its side in a ditch. From his hospital bed at CHOMP, Rowe told The Pine Cone the heavy Lincoln Navigator Sport Utility Vehicle he was driving saved his life.

Rowe's wife Jeannie said both airbags in the car went off and protected her husband and his client, John Tudor, but the car was totaled. Rowe suffered broken ribs, broken toes, bruises and a collapsed lung. Although he developed pneumonia in the hospital and is still feeling weak, he was described as "in good spirits and glad to be alive." Tudor was hospitalized with six cracked ribs.

Deen Rowe

Mitchell Group Realtor Rick Smith was on the scene just moments after the crash. He said it sounded like a thunder clap and produced a lot of black and brown smoke.

"At first I just saw the other car, a black Bronco that had spun around. Two kids, wide-eyed, jumped out of their car. Then I saw the Lincoln, completely on its side in a ditch. Deen's client had crawled out the window and was sitting on top of the car holding his head. I couldn't see Deen at all."

Smith called 911 — an ambulance arrived within about 10 minutes and transported the two men and the teens to the hospital.

Playing games

Jeannie Rowe said the 16 year olds in the Bronco were playing some kind of "bumper tag" on Carmel Valley Road just before the crash, passing each and "speeding about 70 m.p.h."

"I am so angry with these kids," she said. "They walked away with a few scratches. I don't want them to get their licenses until they are at least 21. I haven't heard anything from their families which just amazes me."

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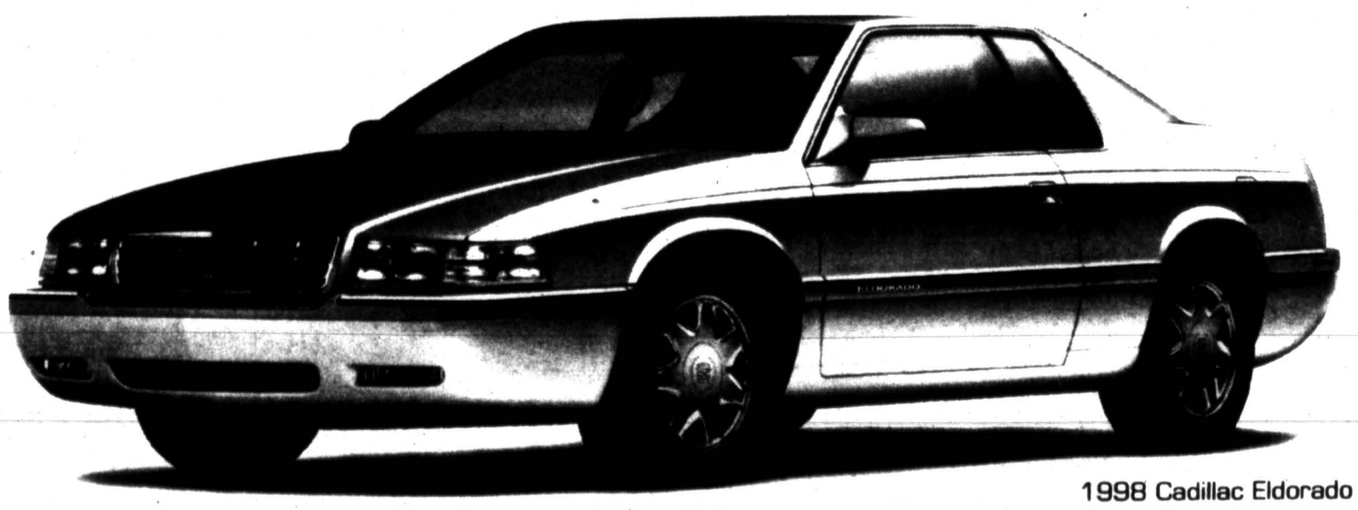

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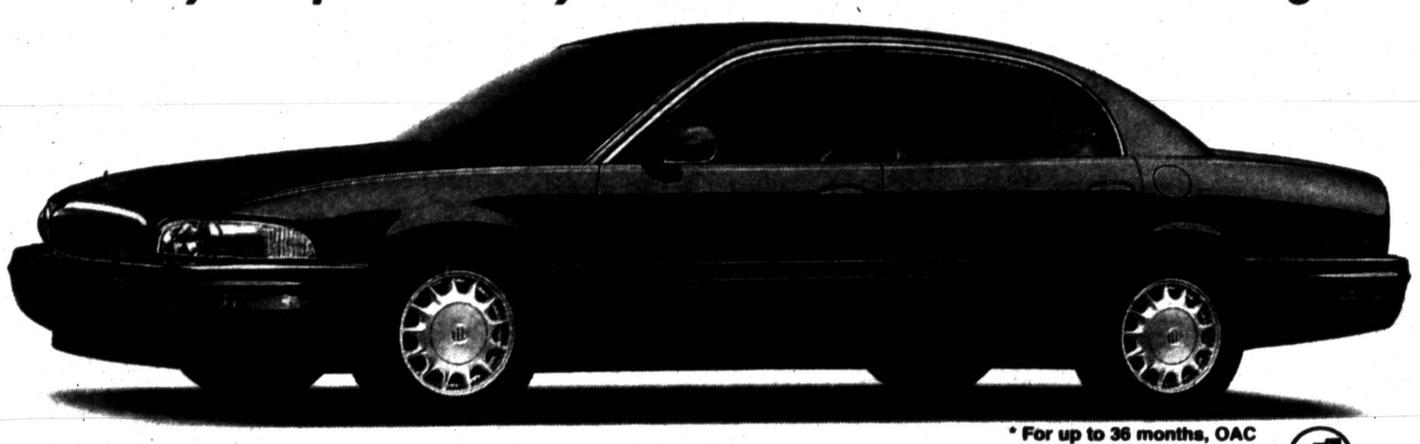

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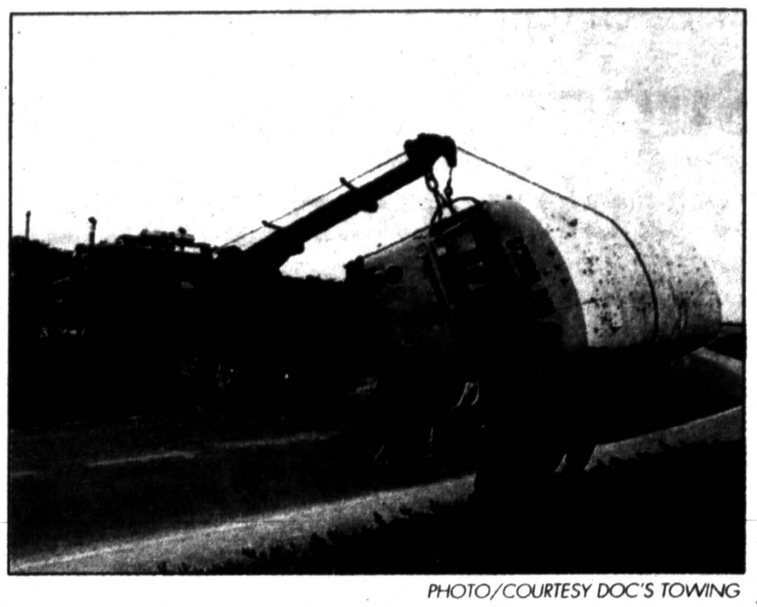

PHOTO/COURTESY DOC'S TOWING

Doc's red-hot mama pulls a Pacific Grove school bus upright during a fire accident and rescue seminar.

TOW TRUCKS

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Dommer's been a driver at Doc's for a year and a half. He is part of an elite group called California Tow Truck Association (CTTA).

"Basically, if you see this symbol," he says, gesticulating to the CTTA patch sewn on his shirt, "you know you're getting a professional."

Say you're thinking about getting into the big-rig tow truck business. The money's all right. Dommer says his truck earns about $170 per hour, and his boss' (an even heavier, even redder mother-of-all Freightliner with a 461HP modified engine) makes $250 per hour. But think again, super-powers like these can cost up to $250,000.

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GALLERY

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Meanwhile, artists whose work was displayed at Wood's gallery began to get nervous about "bum checks and delays in payment," according to artist Edward Norton Ward.

Last Wednesday night, a group of the artists got together and shared their reports about owed sums of money and paintings that were unaccounted for. The artists brought their concerns to the Monterey County D.A.s office.

Carmel Detective Sgt. Pete Poitras and Lou Wolting, an investigator from the D.A.'s office, obtained search warrants for the gallery, Wood's home and that of an associate living in Del Rey Oaks.

"It's too early to tell if the paintings are really missing," Poitras said. The police have received reports from artists throughout northern California who are worried about what's happened to their paintings at Wood's gallery.

Several people have also told the police that they have no problem with Wood, Poitras said. The police are continuing their investigation.

The group of artists went to the gallery and pulled their paintings off the wall. "I would say get to know your dealer, but I thought I knew Steve Wood really well," Ward said.

Stephen Wood

Wood entered a plea of not guilty to the charges of grand theft and fraudulent use of a credit card. He's being held in lieu of $150,000 bail and his arraignment has been set for Friday.

A few weeks ago, Wood was charged with five counts of grand theft by embezzlement and three counts of burglary for allegedly failing to pay five of his clients when he sold the paintings he had taken on consignment.

"It's such a shame," said Janet Howell, director of the Carmel Art Association. "It gives the whole art community a bad name for the good guys because people don't know who to trust."

At the art association cooperative, Howell said the artists feel more secure because they have complete control over their finances.

Hard lessons

Ward, a long-time Carmel artist, and other artists told The Pine Cone that Carmel has many honest and reputable art dealers in town. By no means should all gallery owners in town be painted with the same brushstroke, they said.

But Ward said he knows all too well how easy it is to fall prey to unscrupulous gallery owners. Two other bad experiences in Carmel have taught him how important it is to be careful in choosing art dealers.

Once a dealer sold one of Ward's paintings for twice its listed price and then neglected to pay Ward the extra money.

At the time Ward didn't report the incident to the police because he didn't know it was a criminal offenses.

"It's an easy business to get into," Ward said of gallery owners. "All they have to do is get a building. They don't have to buy an inventory. It attracts a lot of opportunists."

Claudia Ramsey, a woman who has worked at five galleries in town, alleges that unsavory business practices were common in her experience.

Early this year, Ramsey received a large settlement from gallery owner Howard Portnoy in a lawsuit charging sexual harassment, unlawful work place practices and violations of her employment contract.

The suit alleges that harassment took the form of unwanted remarks and sexually demeaning notes left around the office. Ramsey says Portnoy would make outrageous notes on cards containing his clients' names and addresses.

Included in the court records were photocopies of handwritten notes — one with a racist comment insulting to black people, and several with graphic sexual references to females who came into the gallery. Ramsey says they were all written by Portnoy.

His attorney, David Parnie, told The Pine Cone that Portnoy didn't leave out any notes for Ramsey to see. "The answer is if he wrote it, she had no right to get it," Parnie said. "She never had access to any of those, some of those are very questionable as to whether they were written by him."

Portnoy's statement alleges that Ramsey "went into Portnoy's desk and copied some if not all, of his client's cards."

The settlement was reached, Portnoy's papers say, because a trial would have been "expensive, time consuming and unpleasant."

Ramsey conveyed numerous other allegations to The Pine Cone, and says she thinks galleries should be subject to government regulation.

But Poitras said that over the last 5 or 6 years he's received 10 to 12 informal complaints from artists and customers about local galleries — complaints that, for the most part, he's been able to resolve with a phone call.

"Based on the reports that we've received, it's not a widespread problem," he said.

Dump site to remain open

USA WASTE Services announced that repairs have been completed on the Carmel Valley dumping station, and the site reopens today.

The new, increased rate for trash disposal is $24 per cubic-yard of trash, roughly about seven 32-gallon bags of trash. Beginning today, the Carmel Valley station will be open only on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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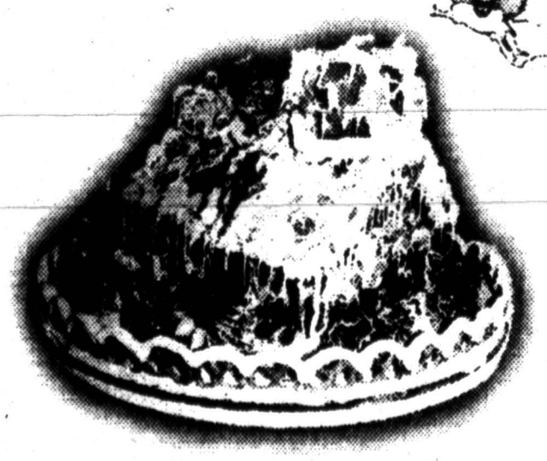

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The Carmel Pine Cone

The Pine Cone office will be CLOSED Thurs., December 25th and Thurs., January 1st. Thereafter we will resume regular office hours.

Planning commission, citing '93 rezoning, holds line on jewelry sales

By TAMARA GRIPPI

PART-TIME JEWELRY merchants are jewelry merchants just the same in the Carmel Planning Commission's eyes.

Commissioners decided that the four-year-old commercial rezoning gave them no choice but to turn down local shopowners Doug and Jackie Steakley from having any more than 10-percent jewelry sales in their "multi-media" gallery.

"These are wonderful people with a wonderful product," said Commissioner Frank Wasko. "But the rules are at stake. If there's anything we want to avoid it's setting a bad precedent."

Commissioners worried that by allowing Concepts gallery to display jewelry in 30 percent of the shop area, they would be opening the door for other stores to request the same amount.

Some commissioners argued that by allowing Concepts to sell 30-percent jewelry, the city would be granting another jewelry store.

Measure H, passed by voters in June 1993, set the limit at 32 jewelry stores, but also allowed 10 percent jewelry use in other kinds of businesses.

"I think caution must be exercised so that the very businesses that Carmel desires, such as Concepts, are not driven away by excessive restriction," Doug Steakley told the commissioners.

"Under the numeric cap we are all limited," said Jim Gerone, owner of Atelier Jewelry. "If you approve the use permit tonight, you'll have other applications."

"Tonight I would ask you to seriously consider giving them all the help they can get to fight against chains and high rents," said Max Lloyd of Lloyd's Shoes.

The Steakleys wanted the commission to amend their year-old permit, which prevents them from selling 30-percent jewelry until another jewelry store has been abandoned.

The couple had operated a jewelry store in town for 20 years. A year ago they decided to give up their Mission Street store to open a gallery on Ocean Avenue featuring jewelry, along with photography and other artwork.

The couple planned to control their master lease on the Mission Street store so that another jewelry shop wouldn't open there and exceed the 32-store limit.

Things didn't go according to plan. The couple ended their lease with the landlord last January and by June the Mission space had been rented — to another jeweler.

"This is more than ironic," said Commissioner Pope Coleman. "It's very sad."

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Clouds in mid-year budget picture: Lost TOT revenue second blow in a row

By PAUL WOLF

THE CARMEL City Council Tuesday sidestepped legal hot water by rescinding the controversial 1995 room tax increase.

However, the loss of revenue from that action is the second blow in a row for city finances, according to City Administrator Jere Kersnar, who is now preparing for budget meetings in January and February.

The first blow, of course, came last month when Carmel voters narrowly rejected the ambulance parcel tax, designed to raise up to $270,000 a year for emergency medical services.

While they were not allowed to campaign for Measure B as a group, some council members clearly were hoping for its passage.

Meanwhile, the room tax rate reduction from 10.5 to 10 percent will eliminate about $170,000 in annual revenue. (Local innkeepers have not yet been informed of the date when they will lower the rate, according to City Clerk Jeanne Brehmer.)

ANALYSIS

At a time when the council should be making provisions for the $20 million-plus Sunset Center Project and for increased spending for its buildings and roads, it will have less room to maneuver as a result of this "double-whammy," Kersnar explained.

The city administrator notes that 80 percent or so of the $9 million budget is tied up in salaries, utilities and insurance.

"The city budget is in good shape because the council has been careful with its money and the economy has recovered," Kersnar said. "But we need all the revenues we receive and still have unmet needs."

Legally questionable?

Voting unanimously, the council Tuesday decided that the transient occupancy tax (TOT) rate increase "is more trouble than its worth," as Mayor Ken White put it.

A number of residents argued that the general tax is really a "special tax" because its original purpose was to raise money for a special purpose — the Carmel Business Association's tourist-promotion program.

In short, the council was being accused of giving away general fund money.

To understand the issue more fully, a little background may be in order. In the spring of 1995, the council approved the TOT rate increase while being lobbied by local innkeepers who supported a $100,000-a-year destination-marketing program. Innkeepers described themselves as being willing to accept a "self-tax."

City Attorney Don Freeman confirmed that the "coincidence" of having two programs start at the same time did not mean there was a legal "connection" between the two. Thus the council was on safe ground, Freeman suggested.

Critics of the tax said it should be validated not by a simple majority of the people, but a two-thirds majority, because the intended use of the new income was well-known.

Speaking against the TOT increase were, among others, Carmel Residents Association (CRA) President Mary Condry and former council members David Maradei and Jim Wright.

A dramatic moment came when resident Mark Christiansen repeatedly accused the council of endangering public trust and participating in "secret deals" with tourist-serving and business leaders.

Ironically, two representatives of local innkeepers, Gary Luce and Michelle McConnell, urged the council to rescind the tax and avoid unending aspersions.

After the council's deliberations, Kersnar took a few minutes to describe his feelings of "offense" that the council was engaged in illegal taxation.

Meanwhile, amid all the intrigue and legal questions, little attention was paid to the budgetary implications of losing at least $170,000 — nearly enough to fund the CBA marketing and current ambulance subsidy combined.

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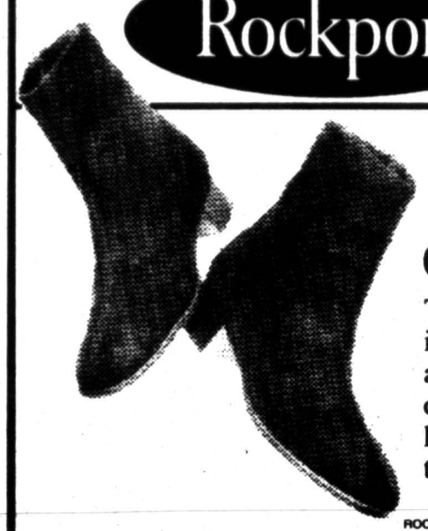

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HIRED GUNS

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Just as the cost of the fine will be passed on to water customers, so will the reimbursements to these six partisan groups. The one requesting the largest sum is Monterey Peninsula Citizens for Water Solution, a new pro-dam group that is asking for $250,000 to make its case before the PUC.

In its application, which includes a budget of projected expenses, the group estimates that it will need, for starters, 500 hours of attorney fees, at a rate of $200 per hour, as well as $75,000 for its expert witnesses, and $55,000 for a variety of consultants.

The group's spokeswoman, Nancy Issacson, a Carmel businesswoman, said she was "not surprised" by the final tally of expenses in the group's budget. "This hearing could take a matter of weeks, and you need to have your attorney there for everything."

Issacson said her group did not devise the costs itself but, essentially, trusted the numbers submitted by the lead attorney, Alan B. Lilly of the San Francisco law firm Bartkiewicz, Kronick and Shanahan.

Cal-Am's Foy, speaking to the newspaper, called the $250,000 figure "exorbitant," but he noted he will not have any say over how much compensation these groups will get.

The presiding administrative judge conducting the PUC hearings will determine what Cal-Am's final intervenors' bill will amount to. The PUC will write an order to the water company for cost recovery, and Cal-Am will pass on the cost.

Even if the PUC orders only $300,000 in compensation, that could hike water rates by as much as a nickel per unit.

Foy suggested he was not convinced the Citizens group and its "exorbitant" request would be awarded the entire quarter million.

PUC public advisor Rob Feraru said a division of his state agency will determine the value of the testimony and the compensation it merits. Still, he admitted that there is no way to confirm every expense reported.

"You have to look at the (requests) and see if they are reasonable based on the result of the testimony," Feraru said.

Total access

Because the public water district is the lead agency on the environmental review of the private Cal-Am project, the PUC has access to the massive corpus of environmental work on the area's water supply solutions.

The water district has already spent $12 million to create the 10-volume environmental impact report on the New Los Padres Dam, now known as the Carmel River Dam.

The EIR was completed in 1995, prior to the voters' rejection of the project in November. That environmental review has exhaustively considered alternatives to the large dam — such as small dams, desalination and other projects — according to MPWMD Senior Project Planner Henrietta Stern. Those studies are at the PUC's disposal and still considered a vital resource now that Cal-Am has taken over the permit application.

During the PUC hearings, intervenors may unveil new information on new desalination technologies, groundwater storage innovations and new legal twists.

However, according to Feraru, it is not necessary for them to present new information to get paid for their contributions. Water officials and other observers fully expect that the hearings will include much redundancy, old arguments repackaged.

"This is, unfortunately, life as we know it," commented MPWMD Chairman Dick Ely. "I wish it weren't so, but I realize this is a process we must go through. The PUC is trying to make an objective decision on the dam, and we can't expect them to rely entirely on old information."

Even Rowley, a taxpayer's advocate to the core, said he understands the need to compensate experts who otherwise would have no incentive to devote their time and efforts. Meanwhile, activists can't afford to pay for expert participation out of their own pockets, no matter how much they believe in a cause.

Paying for expertise

"When you hire high-level legal expertise, you have to pay — and pay for someone who is qualified to argue the issues and participate in cross-examinations," Rowley said.

Lou Haddad, a former water board member who now heads Alliance of Citizens with Water Alternatives, admitted the irony of his asking for $83,850 to pay for his hired guns, who will ask from $75 to $225 an hour.

As a water director, Haddad was consistently a taxpayers' watchdog, opposing district expenditures routinely because he felt the public shouldn't have to shoulder the burden.

"I do have mixed feelings," Haddad said, contending, however, that his group is different from the others because he will submit entirely new legal arguments and scientific data.

Paul Bruno, chairman of the pro-dam Water for Us, also has mixed feelings, saying, "I'd love to see the amount we spend be as minimal as possible. It's unfortunate the whole process is so costly."

Bruno noted, however, that the anti-dam groups outnumber the pro-dam groups, making it more critical that project supporters get involved and stay involved. "It's easier to put up a road block than to support something," he said.

Ben Post, chairman of the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, said he finds nothing usual about paying large sums to attorneys and other experts. "We are a group that is used to the regular use of attorneys," Post said. "This is a natural outgrowth of the PUC process."

Haddad, a paralegal by vocation and an ardent opponent of the dam, said he will ask for nothing for his own time, which has already included countless hours of legal research.

Compensation for intervenors, Haddad argued, may seem like a windfall for activists, but it isn't. The ones who really gain are the attorneys and expert witness who command a high price and appear indispensable to the process.

'It's unfortunate that people didn't vote for the (water district's) dam in 1995, because we knew that it would ultimately cost more if Cal-Am pursued the project.'

— Tom Rowley, vice-president, Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers' Association

Hopeful intervenors: 6 groups seek input, compensation

HERE ARE the six groups that applied to be intervenors, their positions on the dam, and the amounts that they requested:

- **Water For Us.** Pro-dam $65,000. (Chairman is Paul Bruno of Monterey.)
- **Responsible Consumers of the Monterey Peninsula.** Anti-dam. $107,500. (Co-chair is Carmel activist David Dilworth.)
- **Committee for Alternative Water Sources.** Anti-dam. $107,000. (John Brennan of Cachagua is group chairman.)
- **Monterey Peninsula Citizens for Water Solution.** Pro-dam. $250,000. (Carmel's Nancy Isaacson, spokesperson.)
- **Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club.** Anti-dam. $65,400. (Seaside's Ben Post is chairman.)
- **Alliance of Citizens with Water Alternatives. Anti-dam.** $83,850. (Headed by Monterey's Lou Haddad.)

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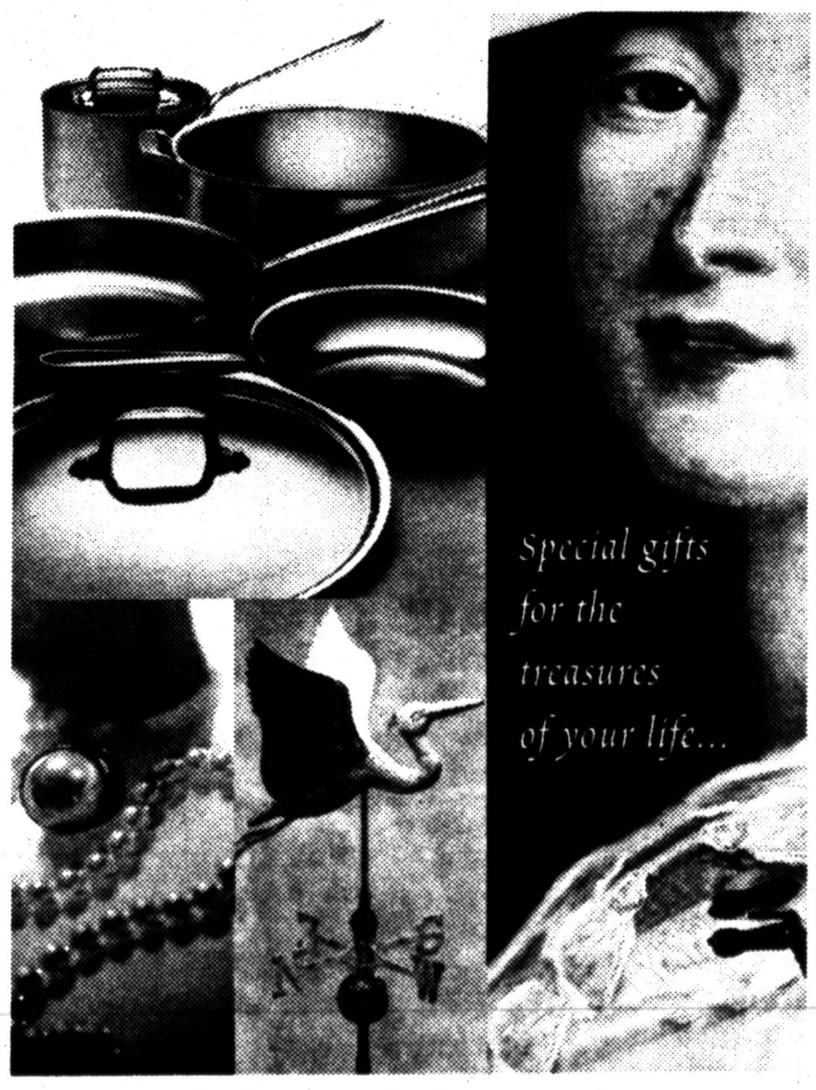

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CHOMP sued by businessman over $1 million discovery

By KIRSTIE WILDE

IN AN unusual lawsuit, a Southern California accountant is charging Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula with profiting from his work to the tune of $1 million and then reneging on his $400,000 commission.

The consultant, Eytan Ribner, says he helped CHOMP recover the money from the government through Medicare reimbursements.

Ribner's lawsuit contends that CHOMP used his expertise to get the extra Medicare payments, but then refused to honor its deal to pay Ribner his cut.

Meanwhile, the president of the hospital denies that CHOMP had a contract to pay Ribner or his company anything.

12-day deadline

Blumberg, Ribner, Inc. is a Los Angeles consulting company that specializes in helping hospitals maximize the payments they receive from the federal government through Medicare. The formulas for reimbursement are very complicated, and vary from hospital to hospital depending on how many low-income patients they serve, and on other factors.

"Suffice it to say that it requires years of study to figure these matters out, and Mr. Ribner — an accountant by trade — is a nationally recognized expert," his attorney told The Pine Cone.

In filing his lawsuit, Zoran Segina said his client was working under an "absolute deadline of June 29, 1997" when Blumberg, Ribner's researchers sat down with employees of CHOMP on June 17 to search hospital documents for ways to get more money from Medicare for 1992. The government was about to "close out" that fiscal year and accepts no further applications for reimbursement. In other words, if they didn't identify the money by June 29, it would be gone forever.

But it didn't take 12 days, according to the lawsuit. It didn't even take 12 hours.

One hour, one million

The lawsuit claims Blumberg, Ribner employees sat down with CHOMP's documents "and within less than an hour identified over $1 million in potential immediate reimbursement available."

As soon as they had, in effect, found the hidden pot of gold, the lawsuit alleges that CHOMP showed them the door and refused to pay their "finder's fee."

Why, if they found $1 million for CHOMP so easily, would the hospital not want them to look at its books for '93, '94, '95 and '96? Weren't there plenty more potential Medicare reimbursements to be discovered?

"That's the $64,000 question; actually it's a lot more than a $64,000 question," said Segina. "What Blumberg and Ribner found was an enormous amount of money literally lying around the hospital for some time."

Ribner believes that his company could have identified considerably more potential Medicare payments due CHOMP if his accountants had been able to look for more than an hour.

"Once you delve deeper into the whole thing, it is certainly possible that there were other monies to be discovered," he said.

Oral contract

The lawsuit acknowledges that there is no written contract signed by the hospital and the consultants. They are relying on an oral contract they claim was made by the two parties on May 7, and a follow-up letter from CHOMP's Reimbursement Coordinator who wrote that the hospital "is interested in obtaining your services."

Jay Hudson, President and CEO of the hospital, declined an interview on the lawsuit, but he did give The Pine Cone this statement:

"We are disappointed that this simple matter could not be resolved outside the court system, but we remain confident that we honored our existing contractual agreement. We stand by our position that the only existing contractual agreement in place was with StarCare and not Blumberg & Ribner."

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Post office's automated phone system greets some unhappy customers

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE U.S. Postal Service's new method of directing all phone calls to a "service center" isn't right for Carmel, according to Mayor Ken White, who wants to restore the more direct, more personal means of communication.

White has received enough complaints from residents to prompt him to write a letter to Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel, in the hopes of restoring the old system of direct contact.

Farr brought the matter to Rep. John McHugh, chairman of the Subcommittee on Postal Service.

"Due to the somewhat unique absence of mail delivery in the village, the post office itself becomes very crucial and important in people's lives on an everyday basis," White wrote in the letter.

The post office's changeover to an "800" number is part of a nationwide move intended to improve service, according to Kathryn Burum, manager of the consumer affairs office in San Jose.

In September, Carmel joined the other cities hooked up to the "800" number, according to Postmaster Cynthia Rivera. When people call the old Carmel Post Office numbers, they hear a recording referring them to the new number.

Like many other automated phone systems, the post office's number offers customers a touch-tone menu with options for rates, hours or zip codes.

Customers can have the option to talk to live people at the Denver center. According to Burum, the center is staffed by approximately 500 people, 24 hours a day.

"Nationally, 90 percent of phone calls are rates and zip codes," Rivera said. "It does free up employees."

Holds on mail deliveries have to be requested through the national office. The local post offices check the computer database twice a day to pick up requests.

Because delivery requests are picked up through the national office, Rivera said, the Carmel post offices really must adhere to the two-day notice.

Carmelites can still get through to their local postal stations. They just have to go through the "800" number first and ask the phone reps to forward their calls.

At peak times, customers may get the unwelcome message: "Due to unusual call volumes, all representatives are still busy. You can continue hold or call back later."

Some locals have complained about being put on hold for too long. Some who have talked to White just don't like the whole idea of being put on hold.

"The residents all know the people who work at the desk at the post office," White said. "It would be nice to call someone up there and get an answer."

The Golden Years

By Myles Williams

In Brooklyn, New York, the district attorney has a unique team helping elderly crime victims. Nine retired lawyers work part-time without pay to interview victims, investigate and prosecute crimes against them. Those experienced in commercial law research financial records to nail swindlers who victimize senior citizens. Ranging in age up to 85, the volunteers reassure victims that the criminal justice system need not be another ordeal for them. Said one volunteer prosecutor, "I have time to help people in distress and it gives me satisfaction."

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After 45 years as star of stage, movies, TV and cabarets, singer Eartha Kitt shown no sign of slowing down. At 69, she performs one-woman concerts twice a night, five nights a week. One reviewer described her as "still moving like a cat, singing like an angel, and toying with her audiences like the seductress she has always portrayed in films and on stage." Also noted: her audiences seem to get younger and younger.

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The Central Coast Chapter of Artists Equity continues its second Saturday seminars tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Artists Equity Resource Center, Studio 10, Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave.

This Saturday's seminar tackles grants and grant writing for individual artists.

For further information, call Renne Emiko Brock, 644-6246.

Coffee Break

By BEVERLY BORGMAN

Hints for the shopping-challenged

AT LAST count Carmel had 31 or 32 jewelry stores (depending on Carmel City Council's latest definition of a jewelry store), so why on earth was I in SANTA CRUZ with my nose pressed against the glass at a place called The Vault?

Because distant pastures are greener? Distant opals more fiery? Distant amethysts purpler? Perhaps all of the above. Let's face it; every once in a while one has to get out of Carmel for a reality check. And there's no place like Santa Cruz for reality.

The Vault, however, is not about reality. It's about fantasy. From Pacific Street, one enters a rather dim corridor lined on both sides with a series of small brilliantly lighted "windows," each artfully arranged to show diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires, gold, silver, and more.

Perhaps it's the lighting, perhaps it's the name. Maybe it was the cup of good strong coffee I'd just ingested at the café around the corner, but I could imagine opening a pirate's chest and finding it spilling over with riches.

I also imagined that I might resolve all of my Significant Other's worries about what to buy me for Christmas. I'd seen his brow grow distinctly more furrowed right after Thanksgiving.

"Ooooh"

"Ooooh, look at that," I murmured in perfect "Breakfast at Tiffany's" pitch.

Hurrying on to the next window, and the next, and the next, I found yet more beckoning baubles. Skipping the pearls (I gave them up with Peter Pan collars), I scurried back to my slightly dazed escort and explained The Plan: "You wouldn't have to buy me another thing if you bought just one of these."

Disbelieving, he said, "One little package?"

"YES!" I trilled.

"But which one?" His voice trailed off, baffled, as he looked down the narrow corridor filled with gems.

"OK, now pay attention," I directed. Leading him first to one window, then a second, I pointed out the two modest pieces of jewelry I fancied. (We're not talking Elizabeth's crown jewels here.)

"I'll go wait outside while you talk to a clerk," (they were discreetly stationed at the end of the corridor) "and when you come out, you can tell me anything. I won't ask questions."

If the man in your life is like mine, you'll understand how readily he took the bait. To the male animal, ANYTHING is better than tiresome Christmas shopping searching for something he's not even sure she'll like.

I turned in the other direction, ready to make my discreet exit (with no peeking) and ran into a young woman, about 20-years-old, leaning against one of the display windows and smiling at me.

"Terrific set-up," she said, obviously having enjoyed the entire "play" (dialogue as well as direction and stage management).

Only slightly embarrassed, I smiled back, and walked into the sunshine.

After all, if I've educated just one poor girl, it will all have been worthwhile.

Reviewer's choice

As a service to readers, I've been scurrying to as many holiday movies as I can fit in. Here are several recommendations, but keep in mind, it's only one woman's opinion.

"The Rainmaker" — No, you've never heard of Matt Damon who has the starring role, but he's engaging, IMPOSSIBLY young, and ably assisted by a strong supporting cast led by Danny DeVito and Jon Voight.

"Wings of the Dove" — Wow! This is a movie for grown-ups. An engrossing story, and absolutely beautiful to look at. No car chases, no exploding buildings. Based on the Henry James novel, the film does a sleight-of-hand in making today's Venice look like the Venice of 1910, devoid of Nike-wearing tourists armed with camcorders. The scenery took my breath away.

"The Ice Storm" — If you (and your kids) survived the 70s with its "swinging" dinner parties, bell-bottom pants, crocheted sweater vests and long "hostess skirts," you'll cringe even as you recognize yourselves in these two suburban Connecticut families in the throes of disintegration. Did we REALLY behave like that? A somewhat depressing movie, but an opportunity to see the talented Kevin Kline be other than a buffoon.

"The Full Monty" — A bunch of out-of-work Englishmen figure they can earn some money as a troupe of male strippers. One of those films where you say, guiltily, "Doggone it, that was FUNNY!" It could use subtitles at the beginning, however. That working-man's English is hard to understand.

"Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" — If you're a regular reader, you know already that I liked it. This week "The New Yorker" lined up on the "pro" side, defying many movie critics who have panned it. I figure I'm in good company.

Beverly Borgman welcomes your letters and comment sat P. O. Box 4402, Carmel, CA 93921.

Cachagua man arrested on seven counts of drug and gun possession

PACIFIC GROVE police arrested a Cachagua man Monday for possession of hard drugs, a sawed-off shotgun and an illegal SKS assault rifle.

Police had stopped a vehicle on Forest Avenue for expired registration and speeding. The driver was Eric Wesley Lancaster, 24, who also had an arrest warrant against him for growing marijuana. Police spotted a rifle in the back seat of his car.

A search revealed a loaded pistol under the passenger seat and three grams of methamphetamines. In the trunk the officers found the sawed-off shotgun, the illegal SKS assault rifle with a loaded 30 round clip, electronics — some with serial numbers removed — and a telephone repairman's tester telephone.

Lancaster was arrested and incarcerated at Monterey County Jail in Salinas. Bail was set at $45,000. Lancaster faces charges of possessing controlled substances, loaded and concealed weapons in a vehicle, an unregistered assault rifle, a device capable of defrauding telecommunications, and a sawed-off shotgun, in addition to the original marijuana charges.

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SPORTS

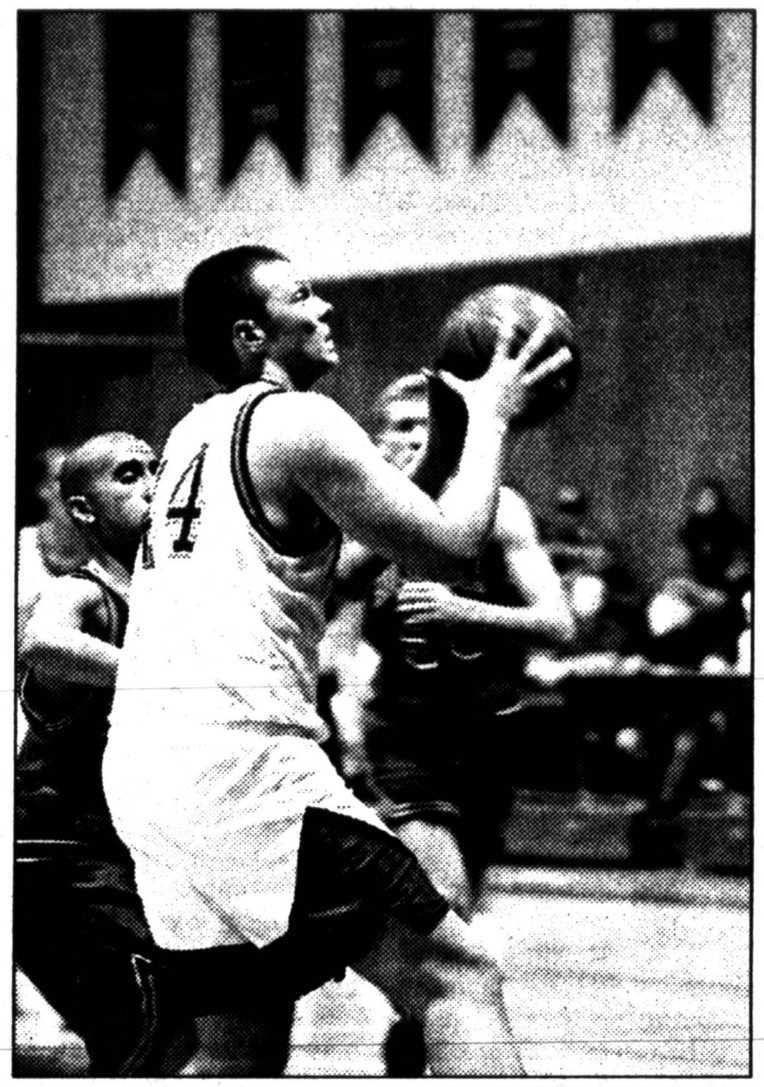
Stevenson boys basketball poised for success

By JON BENNER
RLS Correspondent

AFTER A long summer of practice building experience the Robert Louis Stevenson varsity basketball team is poised to make a bid for dominance in the Mission Trail Athletic League this year.

"We worked extremely hard over the summer," varsity coach Bill Hankison said of the Pirates, who played forty games during the summer months. "One of our biggest strengths is our experience."

The Pirate starting squad is composed of center Chuck Evans-Claasen, guards Jason Ware and Jason Reid and forwards Matt Mraule and Shawn Cronin.



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Pirate Chuck Evans-Claasen (44) drives for a layup during the C.E. Wilson Tournament which was hosted by Stevenson last weekend.

Last weekend while hosting the C.E. Wilson Tournament, the Pirates lost two games despite the strong efforts of Ware and Cronin, who were named to the all-tourney team.

In a 64-57 loss to Hollister, Ware scored 23 points, while Cronin and Mraule each pulled down ten rebounds. And in a 77-51 loss to Seaside, Ware again led the team with 14 points while Cronin had eight points and 12 rebounds.

Another one of the team's strengths is size, with the tallest starters including one 6-foot-5 and two 6-foot-6 players.

"We have the deepest bench we've ever had," Hankison said. "We have at least five on the bench that would have been starters any other year."

Those on the team who aren't starting are Whit Champagne, Jon Carta, Bubba Beyah, Silas Bussmann, Charles McNab and Brian Chen.

Last year's Pirates finished the season with a record of 13-13, tied with Pacific Grove behind front runners Palma and Alvarez of Salinas.

According to Hankison, this year Palma and P.G. will be powerful teams, with each returning some veteran starters.

Hankison also cited Alvarez as the dark horse of the league with the greatest potential for scoring an upset.

Included in the Pirates' plans for the season is a trip to Hawaii to play in the Walter Wong Memorial Tournament later this month.

"Regardless of our win-loss record, this will be the most enjoyable team I've ever had," said Hankison. "It's just a great group of kids."

"I think we'll do pretty well," said cager Silas Bussmann, who also displayed a similar excitement about the upcoming season.

Despite the many hours of experience the team has logged, the success of the Pirate football team, which fell to San Lorenzo Valley in the second round of the CCS playoffs, has prevented the basketball team from starting season practices as early as they would have liked, because many varsity hoopsters were still playing football.

"It will take us a little bit longer to get going this season," Hankison said. "But we've got high expectations. We've got really good team chemistry and cooperation. We'll just have to wait and see what happens this season."

The Pirates continued their journey by heading to Half Moon Bay yesterday where they are competing in a three-day tournament.

Lady Padres hope playing style translates into victories

By JERRY STEWART

CARMEL HIGH girls basketball coach Andy Straugham should be showing his team old film of "Showtime," the Los Angeles Lakers of the 1980's, because that's the style of play he's looking for in the 1997-98 season.

"With the nucleus we have we'll be quick and entertaining," said Straugham, who begins his first campaign as head coach of the Lady Padres. "We'd like to play an up-tempo type of game."

Leading the Lady Padres offensive charge will be returning All-MTAL guard Michelle Gaudoin, who Straugham described as "the quickest guard in the league" and power forward Roslyn Riddell, a sophomore, who will complement Gaudoin's speed by providing a force in the middle of the paint.

Along with Gaudoin and Riddell, Straugham said he is counting on the leadership of seniors Cicely Cleary, Page Peterson and Marlo Milligan.

On Monday, the team picked up it's first win of the year (1-2) by defeating Seaside High 61-26, with Michelle Ocampo leading the squad with 14 points. Both Gaudoin and Riddell also shined, with Gaudoin scoring 11 points and snatching seven steals while Riddell pulled down 11 rebounds.

"Offensively, our girls must feel comfortable on the court to play to their potential," said Straugham. "If they do that, they'll be good."

On defense, Straugham stresses the need to play fundamental basketball and hustle, which will in turn provide scoring opportunities for the offense.

During the off season, team members exemplified their dedication by competing in summer leagues at Monterey Peninsula College and by attending a basketball camp high in the Sierras at Sonora.

"The girls have worked hard, and they're hungry," said Straugham.

According to Straugham, who has ten years of local coaching experience, one of his goals as leader is to eventually build a successful hoops program that will stretch from Carmel Middle School to Carmel High.

"I'd like the girls to play hard but it's a sporting event, and they have to remember that the opponent isn't an enemy," said Straugham. "One of my main goals is to emphasize sportsmanship."

Next up for the Lady Padres is the Breaker Classic this weekend in Pacific Grove beginning tomorrow.

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SPORTS

CHS boys cagers young, vulnerable, but coach optimistic

By JERRY STEWART

WHEN MIKE Woodie, head coach of the Carmel High boys varsity basketball team, assesses his squad's potential, one word comes to mind — optimism.

"Last year we struggled," said Woodie, who's entering his second year at the helm. "This year we're young, and I know we're going to take our lumps, but the boys will get their feet wet quick."

Among those jumping up to the varsity level are sophomores Travis Moran, Jesse Kovacs and Joe Carr, with Carr and Kovacs both penciled in as usual starters.

Carr, who stands at 6-foot-5, should be a presence on the court for the Padres for the next three years.

The other probable players in the starting rotation are returning senior Chris Purdy and juniors Matt Beddel and Jud Richards.

With three pre-season losses to Seaside, Monterey and Vintage of Napa, all bigger schools, the Padres will be looking for their first win when they host the Carmel Tournament beginning next Thursday.

Featured in the eight-team bonanza, scheduled for December 18-20, will be Carmel, Seaside, Monterey, Salinas, North Monterey County, King City, North Tahoe and Lehigh of San Jose.

"We're getting experience and the kids are learning and playing hard," said Woodie. "I know we can get better."

According to the 35-year-old coach, the keys to the Padres offense will be the outside shooting of Kovacs and Purdy and the rebounding of Carr, Richards and returning senior Trevor Fogg.

Fogg, who is also the team's co-captain, has been described as the floor leader of the Padres efforts.

"Trevor's hard-nosed and plays tough for the entire game," said Woodie.

On defense, the Padres will mainly play man-to-man, and Woodie said the Padres must control the boards and not allow opponents any second scoring chances.

"I like the man-to-man defense because it builds character and I stress team play everyday," said Woodie. "The teams that win play together."

Coming off the bench are Nate Dietrich, co-captain Jeff Nakamura, Adam Mayfield, Neal McEldowney and Moran.

According to Woodie, the teams to look out for in the MTAL are Palma and Pacific Grove.

"When we get on the right page, I think we'll be alright," said Woodie, looking ahead to league play which begins in January. "For now, we've got ten days to get it together for our own tourney."

Even though the team is young and will sometimes be overmatched, the Padres know that when you play the game, anything can happen, and that's why there's reason to be optimistic.

Lady Pirates hope to repeat last year's hoops success

By NATHAN KRISSOFF
RLS Correspondent

THE STEVENSON girl's basketball team is off to a potentially prosperous season under the leadership of coach Shawn Evans.

The expectations are high this year due to the large number of returning players, some of which have been training throughout the summer and the fall in preparation for the season, and the team hopes to hit the courts hard this year.

In the wake of an extremely impressive record last year, where they finished second in league and reached the semi-finals of the Central Coast Section playoffs, the team hopes to dominate within it's bracket this winter.

The competition warms up with the annual Terra Nova tournament, Mitty Tournament and Oakgrove tournament, which will

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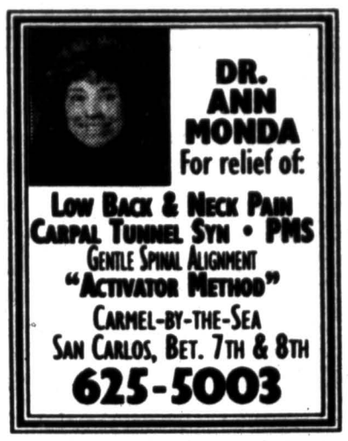
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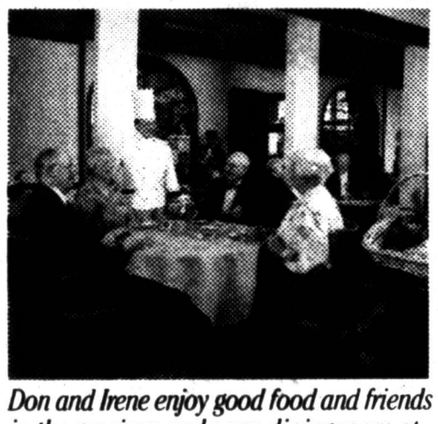
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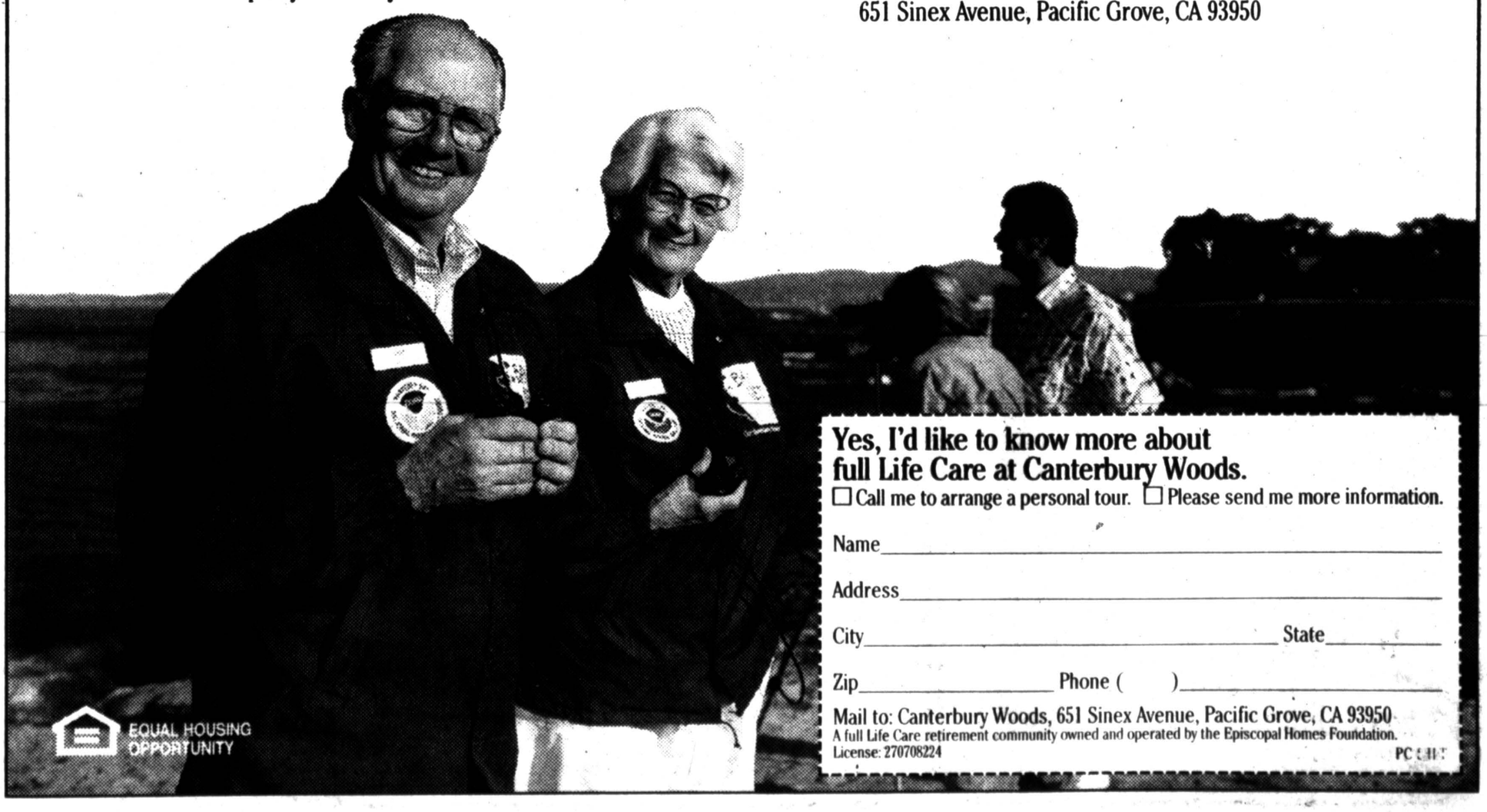
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OPINION

Editorial

Hatton Canyon Freeway debate goes online

The new highway proposed for Hatton Canyon is undoubtedly the most debated political issue in Carmel over the last 40 years. And that debate is getting hotter as Caltrans' expected start-of-construction date gets nearer.

On The Pine Cone Community Forum (located on our web site at **www.carmelpinecone.com**) nearly two dozen messages about the freeway — pro and con — have been posted. Some of the comments found there are very illuminating about the widely divergent feelings in Carmel about the highway.

Back in October, James Toy said he thought that Caltrans would probably never get the permits in needs to start construction. "To fill the wetlands Caltrans needs a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Several years ago the corps "froze" the permit application. They will not issue a permit unless Caltrans proves that the freeway is the ONLY possibility and also that Caltrans can duplicate the canyon's wetlands nearby. At last report, the corps was unconvinced that Caltrans could meet either condition, much less both. Are we going to wait for Caltrans to pursue a permit they may never get, or shall we widen the highway now and get it over with?" Toy wrote.

Pat Hazdovac doesn't think the freeway will work. "I have never been able to understand what benefits the Hatton Canyon Freeway would provide. It will end at the river so when traffic is heavy on the coast road it still will be when traffic hits the two lanes. Other than that it could only relieve congestion from valley traffic and offices in the mouth of the valley. I think the people who are unhappy with all of the congestion should have "smelled the coffee" a little before they purchased the homes or filled the office buildings with commuting workers," Hazdovac said on our web site.

Just this week, Jim Winterbotham made some resounding arguments in favor of the freeway. "The benefits of the Hatton Canyon project are as follows: It takes through-traffic away from Carmel, and especially away from Carmel High School. Why do you want to see a major freeway in front of Carmel High School? It would also return existing Highway 1 to a local service road so the residents of the area can get around without becoming ensnared in traffic. There is no problem going south. The problem is northbound traffic, which must stop at Rio Road, Carmel Valley Road, Ocean Avenue and Carpenter Street. If the Hatton Canyon project were built, through traffic would flow freely. Adding lanes to existing Highway 1 only adds more places for cars to park while they wait for the cross traffic. Carmel is a precious jewel! The Hatton Canyon project would help protect Carmel from becoming inundated with traffic; numerous vehicles transit Carmel's streets daily to avoid the mess on Highway 1.The traffic is not going to go away. So it is either the Hatton Canyon project, which is funded and ready to go, or the 'Carmel High School Freeway' with its San Jose style underpasses and sound walls." Winterbotham wrote.

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BATES

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Congratulations to Marshall Hydorn and Dave Potter for their continued efforts to help the Transportation Commission of Monterey County (TAMC) understand the disadvantages of building a huge, $43 million concrete freeway structure to cover the laughably short distance of 2.8 miles between Carpenter Road and the Carmel River, a cost of $15,357,000 per mile!

In this age of scarce resources, doesn't responsible government mean the careful management of available funds, the honest attempt to allocate tax dollars to budget items which are cost-effective and have a demonstrated need. From the public's viewpoint, it seems that the majority of the TAMC members and Caltrans officials are saying, "Carmel, we are going to build you a freeway whether you want it or not. We'd rather waste $43 million on a 2.8 mile freeway than take a chance on losing control of the money or having it leave the county. Never mind those less expensive solutions."

Thanks to the Pine Cone for continuing to carefully cover this vital issue. It is important for all concerned citizens to stay up to date on each step of the process and to let public officials know how they feel.

Clayton Anderson, *Carmel*

Councilmember 'violated' responsibility

Dear Editor:

The City Council of Carmel-By-The-Sea is charged with the responsibility of upholding a tenet established by the

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Sierra Club appeals decision on Eastwood's Cañada golf course

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

EVEN AS the Big Sur Land Trust was heaping praise on Clint and Maggie Eastwood for donating a priceless piece of scenic property along the Carmel River to the public, the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club was getting ready to challenge the Eastwoods in court again over their proposed development at Cañada Woods North.

Last Friday, Eastwood and his business associate, Alan Williams, received a formal notice that the Sierra Club is appealing a decision issued last August by Monterey County Judge Richard Silver against the Sierra Club and in favor of the Eastwoods' plans for 34 residences and a golf course, plus a clubhouse, guest rooms for members, equestrian center and employee housing on 1,090 acres in the hills between Carmel Valley and Highway 68.

Judge Silver's ruling upheld the Board of Supervisors approval of the project. In his decision, Silver agreed with the board that what Eastwood proposes at Cañada Woods North will be much less damaging to the environment than the previously-approved Monterra Ranch project (including 139 houses) on the same property.

Silver also wrote that, "as indicated numerous times in the record, considering open-space dedication and scenic easements, 90 percent of the 1,060 acres will remain undeveloped; substantial amounts of the pines, oaks, prairie grass, tiger salamanders, and other sensitive habitats or species will be protected; no more water will be used than could have been used anyway, and probably less; traffic will be less; and the trail from Jacks' peak to the Toro area will be improved and installed (rather than waiting for the county to find the funds to do so)."

The Sierra Club's appeal asks a higher court to overturn Judge Silver's decision because of what the club has repeatedly claimed will be "serious negative impacts" on the environment caused by the development.

Meanwhile, Williams reports that 12 holes of the new course, which Eastwood calls The Tehama Golf Course, are already planted and growing. The irrigation systems are in, foundations for the club house have been dug, and the roads leading to the club house — both from Carmel Valley Road and from Highway 68 — have been paved.

PIRATES

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allow the Lady Pirates to scope other basketball teams in the area and warm up their legs before the regular season tips off.

Captains Desiree Evans-Claasen and Laura Kent-Monning are eager to tighten up the laces and bound into competition, but wins simply aren't as easy as pie.

In summing up their potential, Evans-Claasen said, "We are powerful this year, and we hope to kick some major butt."

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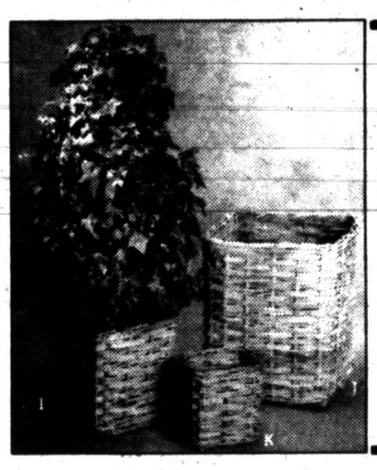

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Mona gets her bench back

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

MONA THE Frog — evicted last week by Monterey County planning inspectors from a bench at The Crossroads where she's been displayed for four years — was put right back on the bench this week after officials decided she wasn't a zoning code violation after all.

"They told me she can stay as long as she doesn't wear any merchandise or point to my shop," Cheryl Harris, owner of the specialty store Exotica said. "We had nearly a hundred signatures on a petition in support of Mona being put back outside, and now she is!"

Crossroads management says that Supervisor Dave Potter wants to help businesses work out any problems they have with existing zoning regulations, and that Potter will be meeting with shop owners after January 1.

Mona won't be attending the meeting, however. She'll be on her bench.

Mona and her owner, Cheryl Harris.

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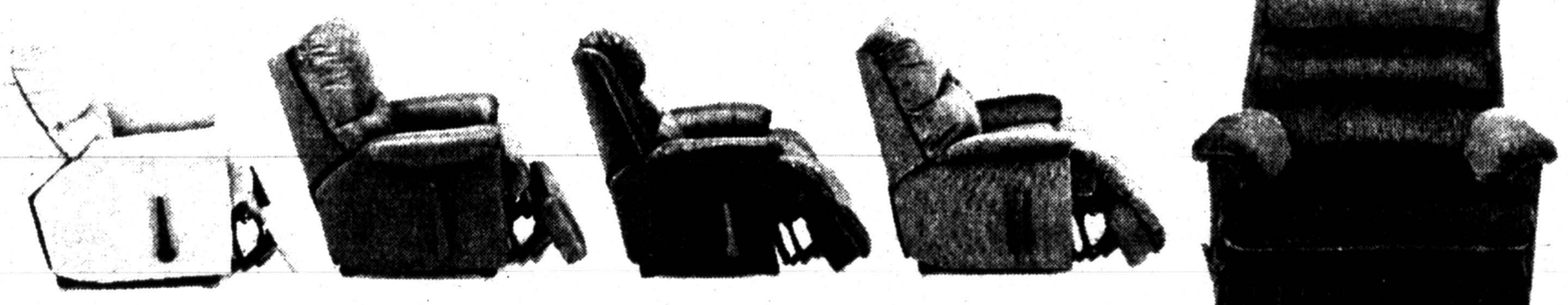

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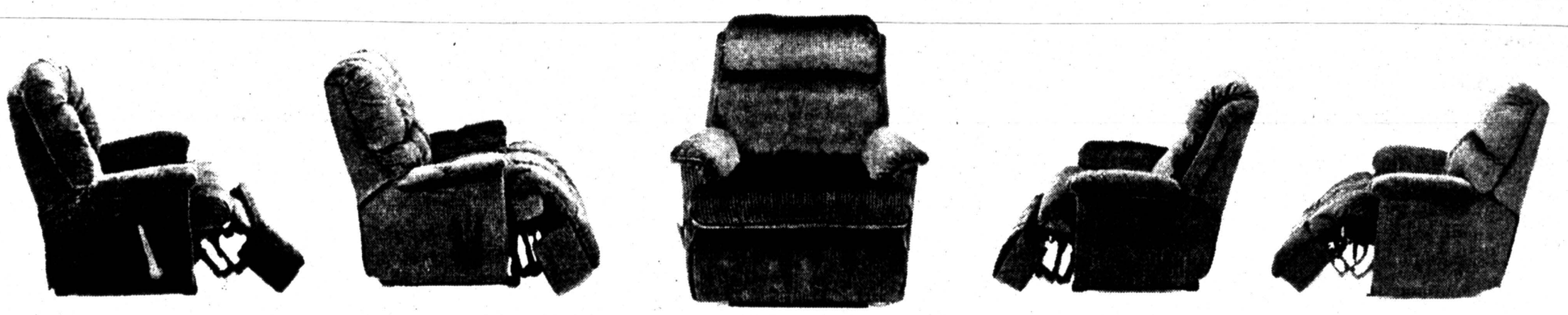

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Joe Fitzpatrick

FESTIVE ITEMS FOR A FESTIVE SEASON

CHRISTMAS TREE ornaments, tinsel and miniature lighted Yule theme houses that seemed so bizarre in windows of Carmel's two Holiday Hutch stores from February through August now look terrific . . .

Eggnog mix and glazed fruit are sprouting in supermarkets . . . So are poinsettias of all hues . . . I even saw the eternal fruitcake in a Monterey market!

(Note — We've determined there is only ONE fruitcake in the world. It has been passed around from country to country like a hot potato since it was baked — or dug up — in 1356.

Nobody ever eats it, but it is given as a gift each year to some unsuspecting prey who can hardly wait until the following year to send it off to the next victim.)

BUT I digress. Excitement is in the air!

Crescendo keeps bugging me for a hint about what I'd like for my BIG present this year, but I can't decide between the Chia Pet, the Stimulator and the

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In the spirit of giving

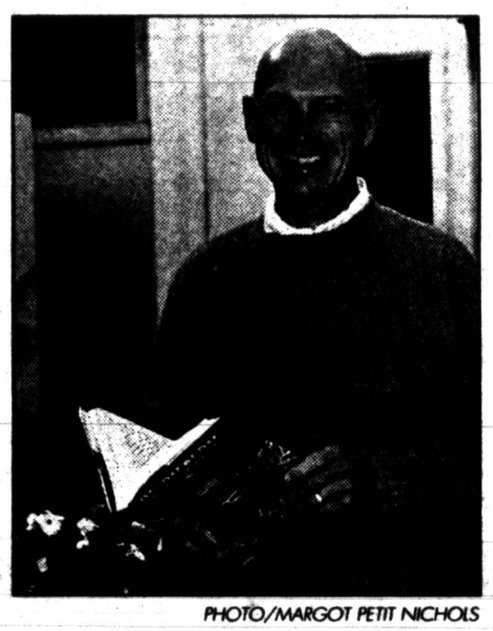
■ *Extraordinary events on his 50th birthday led Robert Graham to a radically different life master plan*

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

BOTH ROBERT Graham and his wife Barbara were saddened by the morning's news of their pastor's death, and when they kissed good-bye as he left for work that day — his 50th birthday — he could not have imagined that was the last time he would see Barbara alive.

But that's what happened in 1979 in Stockton. Barbara died of a heart attack in the early afternoon at home, alone, and it changed Graham's life forever in the most unpredictable and far-reaching ways.

Graham's spiritual journey, which came as a surprise to the Carmel resident who describes himself back then as "a straight-arrow business man of Midwestern background," has led him in the ensuing 18 years to distant countries and Eastern philosophies which he has interwoven with beliefs from his Christian upbringing.



PHOTO/MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

Carmel's Robert Graham has been on a journey for 18 years that has introduced him to foreign lands and concepts. He writes about it in a newly released book.

From Belize in Central America to India, where he met and talked with the Dalai Lama, Graham has followed paths that once he would not have dreamed of, or even knew existed — becoming an activist in helping people help themselves.

A gifting of time and service

He was gifted with the idea that he should give half of his financial resources and half of his daily work time to service on an on-going basis, a 50/50 proposition that would still enable him to continue supporting and raising his three daughters.

His family grew to seven when he married Wendy, who had two sons and two daughters of her own.

Sharing his wealth and time with and for other people has become a way of life with Graham, who, as a CPA involved in finance and administration in agricultural enterprises over the years, had the know-how to start a non-profit service organization in a business-like fashion that he and his new wife appropriately named Katalyis — catalyst.

Becoming interested in the field of international development, Graham and Wendy visited Belize in 1984, "scouting out service opportunities," as he put it.

The Creoles, Mestizos, Garifunas

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SANDY CLAWS

PHOTO/MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

QUICK! If you were asked to choose a name for an artist's dog, a dog who loves to eat baguettes of French bread and who has short legs, what name would you select? But of course (mais certainment!) — Toulouse Lautrec!

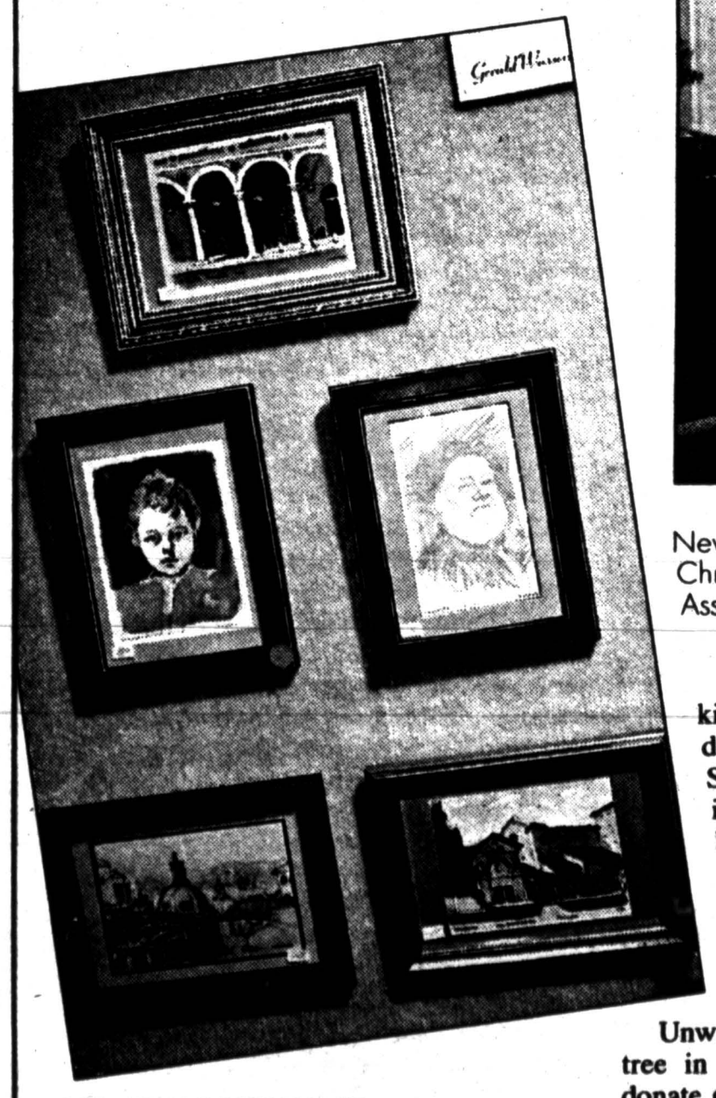
And that's just the name Toulouse Lautrec Chapman's artist mom Carol selected for him when she sprung him from the SPCA a year and a half ago.

Besides French bread, Toulouse, 4, likes vegetables and milk bones but is currently on a bland diet of cottage cheese and chicken.

A Lhasa apso by trade, Toulouse combines the best of Tibetan/French characteristics as he runs non- judgmentally and with joie de vivre toward the largest, tallest, most formidable dogs on Carmel Beach, tail wagging, smiling debonairly, asking, "Can I play with you guys?" (Est-ce-que c'est possible jouer avec you guys?). Toulouse knows full well he will be treated kindly by these canine colossi, whereas smaller dogs, he believes, sometimes tend to be a touch testy.

When not dividing his time between surf and sand on his daily beach romp (often accompanied by his godfather Jack), Toulouse spends most of his daytime hours in his mom's studio or accompanies her during her plein air outings, watching her paint portraits and landscapes, picking up pointers for his next reincarnation.

Carmel Art Association collects toys and displays Christmas miniatures



GERALD WASSERMAN'S miniature watercolor and ink sketches are displayed at the Carmel Art Association's annual miniature art show.

PHOTOS/MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

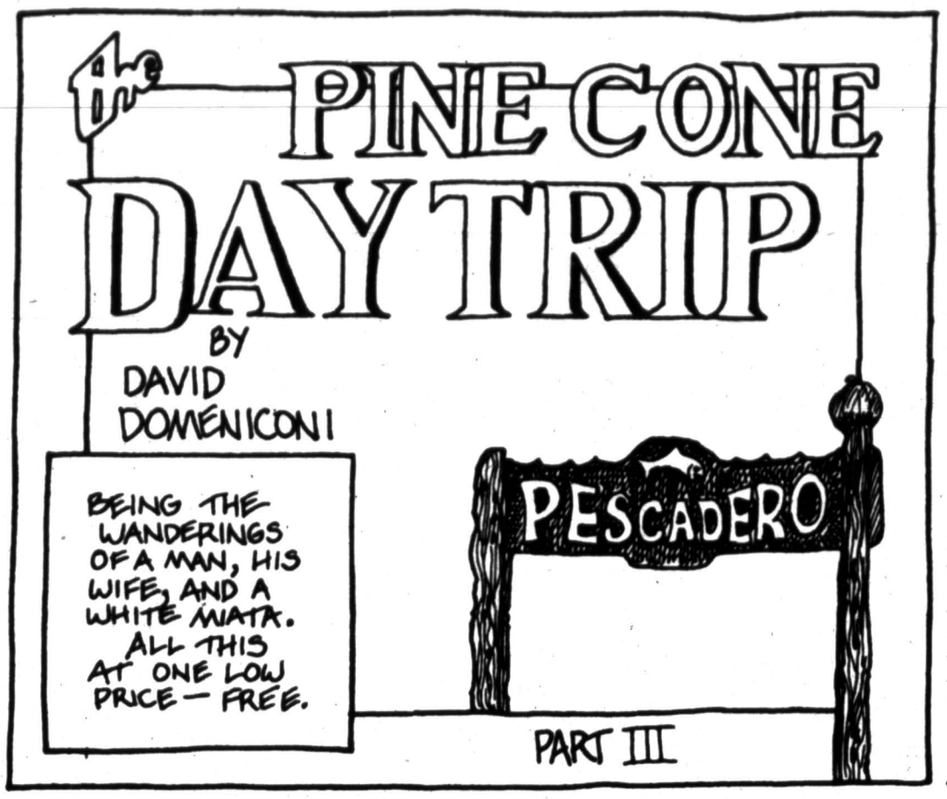
New toys may be left under the Christmas tree at the Carmel Art Association 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

THE CARMEL Art Association kicked off its annual toys and food drive for the Salvation Army last Saturday evening as it held its opening reception and exhibit of member artists' art miniatures .

The miniatures are displayed in the center and foyer galleries at the association's building on Dolores Street between Fifth and Sixth through Jan. 7.

Unwrapped gifts may be left under the tree in the foyer, and those wishing to donate gifts of food may pick up a special Salvation Army food gift box at the gallery to fill with non-perishable foods.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call 624-6176.



FIRST, I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR ANY MIS-PRINTS IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS AND ASSURE YOU I DO KNOW HOW TO SPELL MANY ENGLISH WORDS. ALSO, I HAVE TO THANK MY READERS (ESP. JOE) FOR NEVER FAILING TO POINT THESE ERRORS OUT.
WE DROVE THE ALTERNATE SCENIC ROUTE BACK FROM PESCADERO VIA CLOVERDALE RD. AND TOOK A SPIN UNDER THE REDWOODS AT BUTANO PARK. APPEARS TO BE A GREAT PLACE TO CAMP IF YOU HAD TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
AFTER YEARS OF DRIVING PAST THE PIGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE WE FINALLY STOPPED. THE BUILDING AT THE BOTTOM WE LEARNED WAS THE KEEPER'S OFFICE WHERE HE KEPT HIS LOG AND A THESAURUS OPEN TO "FOG."
THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS CLOSED (OPEN FOR TOURS ON WEEKENDS WHEN YOU CAN WALK THE 136 STEPS TO THE TOP.) BUT WHEN WE RAN INTO A DOCENT AND TOLD HIM WE WERE FROM CARMEL, HE LET US HAVE A PEEK IN THE GIFT SHOP.
AFTER A FEW HOURS ON THE ROAD, IT WAS NICE TO GET BACK TO CARMEL AND STRETCH OUR LEGS WITH A WALK AROUND TOWN, WHERE WE RAN INTO THE MAYOR WHO WAS TAKING HIS NEW PET ROCK OUT FOR A WALK.

CHARITY...

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and Mayans there appeared to the Grahams to be living in harmony, and the country was peaceful. They set up a nonprofit which was dubbed Belize Enterprise for Sustainable Technology.

The Katalysis Partnership has other partners: The Organization for the Development of Women's Enterprises of Honduras, Cooperative Association for Western Rural Development and the Association of Women in Development, both of Guatemala.

Today Katalysis has a client base in the thousands and provides services to low income people through women's community banking, micro enterprise development and natural resource management.

A spiritual awakening

Graham attributes a day, five years later, when he was browsing in Carmel's The Pilgrim's Way Bookstore, with his profound spiritual awakening. Happening upon a book by Dr. Joel S. Goldsmith, "Conscious Union with God — Oneness with the Spiritual Universe," he learned about meditation, which, Goldsmith said, "unlocks the door."

Practicing meditation allowed Graham an intense experience that, he says, "changed me at my deepest level."

He read other authors: Father Thomas Keating taught him centering prayer; he studied different religious systems; through reading Paramahansa Yogananda, he learned of the Vedas Indian scriptures; he read Michael Harner's "The Way of the Shaman"; met Ram Dass through the Seva Foundation; studied dream work with Dr. Brugh Joy; was baptized by Father Charlie Moore — and throughout these eclectic studies, Graham says, "Jesus remains my most influential teacher."

In 1988 he met with Tibetan monks in San Francisco and was invited to Dharamsala in India where Tibetan refugees had set up a new Lhasa to perpetuate the spiritual and cultural heritage of their Chinese-occupied country. The next year he traveled to India where, he says, he found inner strength and happiness.

Book tells of journey

In his recently released book, "50-50 at 50 — Going Just Beyond," Graham tells of his spiritual journey in a compelling and natural way.

Good humor pervades the book. His meeting with the Dalai Lama finds Graham tugging unsuccessfully at a white silk scarf which had become entangled in the zipper of his travel bag, as he attempts to shake hands with the Tibetan spiritual leader. The scarf — a "kata" — which is traditionally presented to the Dalai Lama to bless during an audience — is finally disengaged just as Graham drops his camera in confusion.

In the village of McCleod Ganj it comes to him that his life "should go totally to service."

Through Indian NGO communities, (non-government organizations, similar to our non-profits) he and his friend Dave decide to assist the Tibetans "on a comprehensive long-term plan for the entire refugee community in India."

Returning to California, Graham — though still residing in Stockton while having a weekend cottage in Carmel — came across an office space for lease in a courtyard off Dolores Street, and, he says, "I played right into the hands of intuition and synchronicity — and my life would blossom in Carmel like it never had before." He leased the space, and later he and Wendy and their children moved to Carmel.

Namaste founded

He found that he was not merely a human being having a spiritual experience, but a spiritual being have a human experience, which made all the difference in his life. It was this knowledge that led Graham and his wife to set up a family initiative, a foundation which they named, appropriately, "Namaste."*

Fourteen family members met around the conference table in the Monterey County Bank board room to plan service and philanthropy.

Graham says Namaste was "part of a comprehensive plan to teach our children about the responsible making, managing and use of money by focusing on the problems of others less fortunate."

One daughter, Merede, conceived the idea of having the Belize rain forests photographed from the air. Namaste came up with the $8,500 cost of air photography which led to the Belize government setting aside 100,000 acres as a preserve.

Lara — another daughter — and her husband decided to donate a portion of each sale at their San Francisco business to a community fund to "help people who can use a hand."

Learning from Graham's philosophy that "giving money without service is only half a loaf," the youngest family members of Namaste became volunteers, working at the Boys and Girls Club, assisting other youngsters with homework or helping raise money for projects.

A son, Michael, a high school student at the time, served as an evaluator of a proposal from the Center for Community Advocacy, a local non-profit with offices in Salinas.

Michael and Graham together visited a labor camp near Pajaro, where Michael spoke to the residents in his high school Spanish. The deplorable conditions of the camp and the exorbitant rents charged by the landlord were a shock to both Grahams.

Michael's presentation of the facts at the next family Namaste meeting "caused us to give more than had been requested" by the CCA.

Why charity — and how much?

Graham pondered the motives behind charity. He studied Maimonides, a 12th century Jewish philosopher who compiled a list of considerations for giving, by degrees of worthiness.

Robert Graham will sign copies of '50-50 at 50 — Going Just Beyond,' from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at The Thunderbird Bookshop in the Barnyard. Information: 624-1803.

He also learned that it is an Hebraic tradition "that one is required to give to anyone who asks, regardless of his or her situation and regardless of how we view his or her need."

He wrestled with how much one should give, and accepted his friend Lynn Twist's advice that "the right amount is somewhere between a gesture and a sacrifice."

So many philosophic, spiritual and cultural issues are addressed thoughtfully by Graham in his book — our tax structure in the U.S.; the concept of non-attachment; the world's overpopulation; family dynamics; miracles; our U.S. standard of living and degree of acquisitions and consumerism of the world's resources — it can only be suggested to readers who are interested, to refer to Graham's book.

In an afterword, Graham lists, for his grandchildren, 13 rules to live by which he calls "Just Beyonds": Just beyond authority, attachment, tomorrow, the normal kind of love, you and me, yourself, your front door, Madison Avenue, giving, religion, the fountain of youth, life and science.

These rules summarizes Graham's amalgamation of all that he has studied, experienced, questioned and acted upon in the 18 years since his first wife Barbara died and his inquiries began.

It is a fascinating journey that continues here in Carmel for Graham and over portions of other countries that he has touched.

**Namaste is ancient Sanskrit meaning, "I salute the light within you, and when you are in that light, and I am in that light, we are one."*

FOOD

FIFTY WAYS TO IDENTIFY A COOL CARMEL GRANDMOTHER

Carmel Grannys have been known to:

1. Wear purple
2. As Therese McGee wrote, "Still lust a little"
3. Trek in Nepal
4. Dream in color
5. Eat the icing first
6. Play racquetball
7. Own a pair of red platform shoes
8. Whistle for taxis
9. Dug the recent Stones concert
10. Wear baseball caps backwards
11. Still drive to Big Sur for an ambrosia burger
12. Collect feathers
13. Own lacy black undies
14. Already have reservations for New Year's Eve, 1999
15. Vacuum only when necessary
16. Climb trees
17. Have very young archery instructors
18. Chase rainbows
19. Want to meet Tina Turner
20. Still quest after the perfect pair of jeans
21. Have rooms of their own
22. Drink Postum
23. Send post cards instead of E-mail
24. Paint toenail polish on the claws of their bath tubs
25. Volunteer
26. Have a recipe for absinthe
27. Keep their figures
28. Stay for the movie credits
29. Prefer s'mores to creme brulee
30. Show photos of their 30 year ashram reunion
31. Kayak
32. Wear sparkle eye shadow
33. Tell fortunes
34. Think it is entirely possible to be too rich or too thin
35. Inhaled
36. Motorcycle by moonlight
37. Served ostrich for Thanksgiving
38. No longer wonder what they will be when they grow up
39. Covet a hot tub
40. Prefer Laguna Seca to the Concours
41. Clean squid
42. Knew Ephraim Doner
43. Could have danced all night
44. Want flamenco lessons for Christmas
45. Floss
46. Listen to KBOQ
47. Believe happiness is finding someone you like at your door
48. Hang out at the Thunderbird
49. Skip stones
50. And cook yummy things for their grandchildren

Apron Strings

By Deborah Smith

Granny's Doughnuts

1 can premade icing
1 can ready mixed biscuits
Sprinkles
Vegetable oil
1 plastic soda bottle

Cut three inches off the top of the soda bottle for the doughnut hole cutter.Cover cut edge with duck tape to protect little hands.

Open biscuit can and lay out dough. Demonstrate punching out the center of the dough circle with the threaded narrow end to create doughnut holes.

Pour enough oil into skillet so it comes half way up the doughnuts.Fry over medium heat until doughnuts are golden brown. Flip. Remove and allow to cool on paper towels before the young art of icing and sprinkling begins.

Peanut Butter Pie

1/4 cup smooth-style peanut butter
2 eggs, separated
2 cups milk
1/2 cup sugar
2-1/2 Tbsp. cornstarch
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt
1 pie shell
1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped
1/4 cup chopped peanuts

Beat egg whites until stiff. Heat milk in saucepan. Add cornstarch and 1/4 cup sugar. Blend in peanut butter. Do not boil mixture. Stir in egg yolks. Simmer two minutes longer before adding vanilla, salt and remaining sugar. Remove from heat. Fold in egg whites. Pour mixture into pie shell. Garnish with whipped cream and peanuts.

■ *Carmel resident Deborah Smith is the embodiment of a cool granny.*

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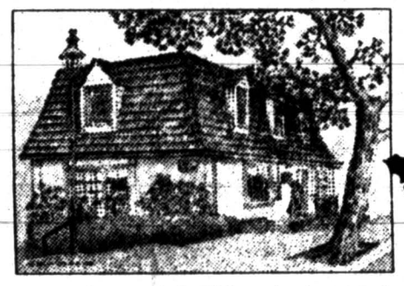

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Admission proceeds will establish The Alexandra Nechita Dance Scholarship- in support of local dance students.
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MOVIES

Anastasia: An animated retelling of the story of the tragic Russian princess by Don Bluth and Gary Goldman, with music and lyrics by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens. Featuring the voices of Meg Ryan as Anastasia; John Cusack as Dmitri, a con artist; Kelsey Grammer as Vladimir, an aristocrat; Angela Lansbury as Grandmother Marie, and Christopher Lloyd as Rasputin. (G) *Galaxy 6 Cinemas*

Boogie Nights: Mark Wahlberg stars in Paul Thomas Anderson's black comedy as a dim, good-natured young man who finds himself lured into acting in pornographic films. Set in the 1970s, it also stars Julianne Moore and Heather Graham as pornography stars and Burt Reynolds as a sleazy producer. (R) *Crossroads Cinemas*

Flubber: Robin Williams appears in Les Mayfield's remake of the 1961 film about an absent-minded professor who invents an amazing bouncy substance. (PG) *Galaxy 6 Cinemas*

For Richer or Poorer: In Bryan Spicer's romantic comedy, Tim Allen and Kirstie Alley are a wealthy Manhattan couple who flee to the Amish country of Pennsylvania to elude the I.R.S. (PG-13) *Galaxy 6 Cinemas*

The Full Monty: After Chippendales–style male dancers perform at their pub's ladies night, six unemployed steelworkers in Sheffield, England, are inspired to put together their own strip act. Directed by Peter Cattaneo. (R) *Crossroads Cinemas*

Home Alone 3: Alex D. Linz stars as a youngster nursing his chicken pox who has to cope with international thieves who are looking for defense plans hidden in a toy car. Raja Gosnell directed the comedy, with Olek Krupa, Marian Seldes and Scarlett Johansson. (PG) *Lighthouse Cinemas*

The Jackal: Michael Caton-Jones's thriller, loosely based on the 1973 film "The Day of the Jackal," stars Sidney Poitier as a deputy F.B.I. director who teams up with a Russian intelligence officer (Diane Venora) and a jailed member of the I.R.A. (Richard Gere) to track a hired assassin (Bruce Willis). (R) *Galaxy 6 Cinemas*

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: Clint Eastwood directed this adaptation of John Berendt's book about art, antiques, drag queens and murder in Savannah; John Cusack plays a New York writer who loses himself in this world. With Jude Law, Kevin Spacey and Irma P. Hall. (R) *Galaxy 6 Cinemas*

Mortal Kombat: Annihilation: Picking up where the first film left off, John Leonetti's action movie follows the exploits of a group of adventurers who must save the world from the clutches of an evil warlord. (PG-13) *Lighthouse Cinemas*

The Rainmaker: Written by John Grisham and directed by Francis Ford Coppola, this drama stars Matt Damon as a recently graduated lawyer who falls for a battered wife (Claire Danes) while waging battle with a monolithic insurance company.(R) *Galaxy 6 Cinemas*

Scream Two: This sequel to last year's spoof of the horror genre was also directed by Wes Craven. Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox, David Arquette, Jamie Kennedy and Liev Schreiber return, joined by Jada Pinkett and Jerry O'Connell. (R) *Lighthouse Cinemas*

I Cantori to vocalize in Mission this weekend

CONCERTS OF sacred music will be offered by I Cantori di Carmel at 8 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday at the Carmel Mission Basilica. Franz Schubert's *Mass-in A-flat Major* will be performed in celebration of his Bicentennial.

The first half of the program will feature the chorus singing Tchaikovsky's *Vater Unser* and Herzogenberg's *Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn*. Several movements of Schubert's *Deutsche Messe (Mass in F)* will be performed accompanied by wind instruments, as well as Handel's five-part first movement of *Dixit Dominus*.

In the second half of the program I Cantori will be joined by the Ensemble Monterey chamber orchestra.

General admission seating is $14 and reserved seating in the first eight rows is $20.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at Carmel Music Co., Bookmark and Bookworks in Pacific Grove and Bay Books in Monterey, or call 655-0869. Information: 625-2519.

Chanticleer to sing Tuesday

CHANTICLEER, the Bay Area's male vocal ensemble, will perform "A Chanticleer Christmas" twice on Tuesday at the Carmel Mission Basilica. Concerts are set at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Chanticleer's program features a unique mix of medieval and Renaissance music, joyful spirituals and unusual arrangements of traditional carols, with repertoire spanning eight centuries (13th to 20th) and nearly as many countries.

Tickets to "A Chanticleer Christmas" are $29 and $25, with discounts available for subscribers, students and seniors. Tickets can be charged by phone through City Box Office at (415) 392-4400, or (800) 407-1400 (from outside the 415 area code). Tickets are also available at all BASS ticket centers.

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BIG SUR

Heavy shakes laid down make our roof.
Tortured and twisted slabs of wood
Wrenched from the carcasses
Of hillside giants
Older than remembered time
Give us shelter

Beneath it we lie
In stolen comfort
Skin sliding upon
Smooth skin
Listening like thieves

A warm wind rustles
Through the forest top
Pleasuring in high branches
Then swoops low to caress
The furrowed roof surface
And moan accusingly
Across the eaves

—Marshall Hydorn
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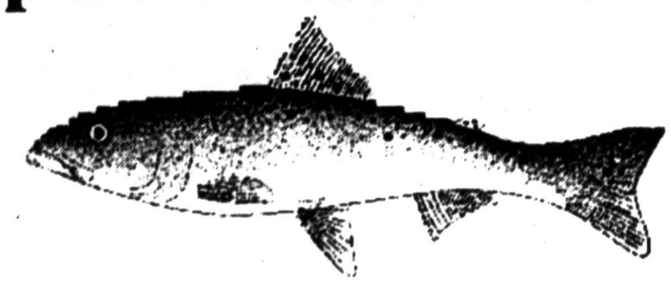

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(R)
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(R)
1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00

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The following schedule begins 12-12-97

HOME ALONE 3
(PG)
11:30 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30
SORRY NO GATS AND NO PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED

MORTAL KOMBAT II: ANNIHILATION
(PG-13)
12:00 2:15 4:30 7:00 9:15

SCREAM II
(R)
11:45 2:30 5:15 8:00
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THE JACKAL
(R)
11:15 2:00 4:45 7:30 10:15

FOR RICHER OR POORER
(PG-13)
11:00 1:45 4:30 7:15 10:00
SORRY NO GATS AFTER 2:00 AND NO PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED

ANASTASIA
(G)
11:00 1:30 4:00 7:15 9:30

RAINMAKER
(PG-13)
1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
SNEAK PREVIEW
"As Good As It Gets"
12/13 7:30 pm
in place of 7:00 pm show of Rainmaker
SORRY NO GATS OR PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED for this SNEAK PREVIEW

MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN
(R)
11:45 3:30 6:45 10:00
THX

FLUBBER
(PG)
11:30 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30
THX

JOE FITZPATRICK

Benevolence everywhere you look

FROM PAGE 1B

Smart Clapper! Decisions, decisions.

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KINDLY, benevolent folks are everywhere.

Up there in San Francisco last week, one **Don Williams** slipped on wet pavement and fell down and broke his wrist.

IMMEDIATELY, a sort-of-good Samaritan bounded out from his "residence" in the corner bus shelter screaming, "He's had a heart attack! Call 911! Call 911!"

The S-O-G Samaritan then hoisted Williams to a seated position and repeatedly administered the Heimlich maneuver with great gusto until Williams was finally able to "beat him back with my good arm, struggle to my feet, and run like hell from my rescuer!"

(**BUT** Don, it's the THOUGHT that counts!)

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TODAY'S QUOTE . . . Garry St. Jean, G.M. of Golden State Warriors basketball team, on the team's decision to terminate the contract of star player **Latrell Sprewell** who viciously choked and physically assaulted the team's coach TWICE within a 20-minute period:

"Outrageous misconduct by players in professional sports has been tolerated far too long. We are drawing the line.

"Some things are more important than winning or losing games."

(**AT LAST**, some long overdue sanity and fortitude has surfaced in the management of a pro sports franchise!

If anything, the punishment of a one-year ban from the league is too light. The hoodlum — whether black, white, brown, yellow, mauve or fuchsia — should have been banned for life, as the immortal baseball commissioner **Kennesaw Mountain Landis** did to culprits in the less onerous Black Sox Scandal of the 1920s.)

BUT, alas, the infamous **Johnnie Cochran** (Johnnie One Note) is becoming involved, so the whole thing will now deteriorate into a racial mud bath.

Pity.

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BACK TO MERRIMENT . . . There was good old **Peter Stuber**, owner-chef of Carmel's Cafe Berlin, slaving over a hot stove on KION's noon news Thursday of last week, demonstrating how to cook his popular Scallops Florentine dish.

Well, not everyone out in TV-land could be expected to know Peter right off, so the station flashed a line of identification on the screen as Peter worked away.

IT said — "**Joy Brown, Lisha's mother.**"

Zounds!

If somebody named Joy Brown is a dead ringer for him (or vice versa), Peter would like to know about it! And as for Lisha, is she old enough to wash dishes?

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BLESS YOU, SAN JOSE . . . Jennifer McGowan of San Jose, who visits Carmel often and says she never misses this column, although she never reads it (cruel, Jennifer, cruel), forwards a clip from the S.F. Chron that lists San Jose as one of the country's 10 sickest cities!

The dubious accolade was bestowed on San Jose, not because Jennifer lives there (touché!), but because it's a hotbed of cold and flu cases!

ACTUALLY, San Jose was only the ninth worst sneeze center in the U.S., trailing Little Rock, Ark.; Hartford, Conn.; San Diego, Minneapolis, Greensboro, N.C.; Boston, and two other cities the clip didn't name.

Furthermore, the whole thing was based on LAST year's flu season (Sept. '96 through March '97), compiled by a Pennsylvania research firm from weekly reports filed by 1,700 doctors nationwide.

SO we assume that, with any kind of luck, San Jose will move up smartly — perhaps to No. 1 — this year!

San Jose has never had the 15 minutes of fame promised it by **Andy Warhol**, but this may be the year!

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INCIDENTALLY, Carmel didn't place at all in the competition because . . . well, it isn't polite to sneeze in Carmel, so there is no record of any such unpleasantness ever having occurred here!.

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NOW THEN . . . Knight-Ridder had hoped its jackbooted tactics in taking over the Monterey Herald in August would be forgotten by the public by now, but the paper's employees are not about to let that happen.

The second edition of the employees' own publication, Peninsula Free Press, points out that the rapacious K-R is sucking the money out of the paper and shipping it direct to the chain's Miami headquarters, instead of investing it back into the paper here.

IT notes that the Herald's daily circulation has dropped 3 per cent, and its Sunday circulation 6.3 per cent, since K-R took over.

That's a loss of more than 1,000 papers each day and 2,500 on Sundays.

YET, the Free Press continues, advertising rates have not been reduced to reflect the smaller audience.

Nor has the price of subscriptions — which skyrocketed by 40 per cent over the past three years because of "huge increases" in the cost of newsprint — been reduced, even though newsprint costs have dropped like a rock.

ADD those sly profits to the estimated **$1.5 million** the chain saved by dumping long-time Herald employees and slashing salaries, the Free Press goes on, and you can begin to see the magnitude of the Knight-Ridder sucking operation that is taking place!

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BUT I say, hey, it's Christmas season so let's all back away from recriminations against K-R, and have a group hug!

Oh, I know it's hard — with 28 families of fired Herald employees facing a bleak Christmas — but look at it this way:

POOR old **P. Anthony Ridder** and his fellow Brioni suits at Miami headquarters need extra-heavy bread this time of year to finance cocktail parties, Bermuda golf trips, new MBZs and other necessities of the season.

Would anyone be heartless enough to deny them that?

Certainly not!

Okay, ready? — let's all form a circle for the group hug!

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ONLY 12 days left to C-Day. Shop hard, shop often, and do not forget the needy patricians in Miami!

Hark!

■ *Joe Fitzpatrick's column appears in The Pine Cone every Friday.*

CARMEL SKI CLUB

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CALENDAR

Friday/12
MUSIC/DANCE

The Carmel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir is hosting a joy-filled evening of exciting Christmas Celebration featuring the Chancel Choir under the direction of John Giger. Join them for sing-a-longs, food, fun and great fellowship at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Junipero at Ocean Ave., Carmel, at 7:30 p.m.

Mary and John Giger

The Carmel Ballet Company will conduct auditions for its new original ballet, "The Pied Piper of Hamlin," ages 8 to 10 from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. and ages 11 through adult from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Carmel Ballet Academy Theater, Mission and Eighth, Carmel. 624-3729.

The Helcio Milito Trio plays Brazilian and American Jazz, 7 to 11 p.m. in the Lobby Lounge of The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach. Helcio is joined by pianist Jovino Santo Neto and guest artist vibraphonist Rob Lautz. 647–7500.

A Winter Jazz Concert presented by Monterey High School featuring Monterey High School Jazz Bands. Free admission at 7 p.m. at Monterey High School Cafeteria. 649-1042.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pacific Grove Downtown Merchants offer late-nights Fridays for the holidays. Sponsored by The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, some merchants will be open as late as 8 p.m. 373-3304.

"The Christmas Message From the Point of View of Analytical Psychology" by Dr. M. Esther Harding will be read followed by meditations and work with non-verbal responses. Friends of C. G. Jung, 284 Foam St., Monterey. Event begins at 7 p.m. $7 to $10 donation. 649-4018.

Chartwell School presents its annual holiday extravaganza, "A Party in a Pear Tree." The event is held at the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach. The evening will include champagne and hors d'oeuvres , silent auction, live auction, sumptuous holiday dinner and dancing to the music of the "Sounds of Swing." For ticket information call 394-3468.

Alliance on Aging Senior Outreach Luncheon presents a 2 part program beginning promptly at 11:30. The first performance will be by the Robert Down Elementary School Chorus, plus 3 High School Instrumentalists. Following will be a performance by "The Tap Bananas." The program is at the Pacific Grove Community Center, 515 Junipero Ave., Pacific Grove. $3 donation. 646-4636.

Carmel Ski Club is hosting its first "Get Acquainted" evening of the 1997-98 ski season. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Resort Hotel, 1 Old Golf Course Drive in Monterey. 648-4140.

The Seaside Art Commission presents "Beauty from Sea and Sky" — Fine Art Jewelry by Shawny Martin and Resist Painting on Silk by Angelo Buffone. Reception is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Seaside City Hall Art Gallery, 440 Harcourt Ave., Seaside. 899-6336.

Members of AARP Chapter #97 will meet for a holiday luncheon followed by the general meeting at Sally Griffin Senior Center, 700 Jewell Ave., Pacific Grove at 11:45 a.m. Cost of the luncheon is $2.50. The guest speaker will be Dr. Marie Walbridge, Clinical Director of Senior Peer Counseling at the Alliance on Aging. Also speaking will be Margaret Baldwin, also from the Alliance on Aging. 375-4454.

Saturday/13
MUSIC/DANCE

Portofino Presents "Navidad Flamenca" (Flamenco Christmas), a concert of traditional and contemporary Spanish Flamenco song, dance and music. 8 p.m. at The Pacific Grove Art Center, Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. 373-7379.

Flamenco Christmas

The Helcio Milito Trio plays Brazilian and American Jazz, 7 to 11 p.m. in the Lobby Lounge of The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach. Helcio is joined by pianist Jovino Santo Neto and special guest Rob Lautz, 647–7500.

International Ballet Academy Monterey Bay present its first "Nutcracker," featuring Alexei Badrak, former assistant director of the Bolshoi Theater. Presented from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Middle School Theater, Pacific Grove. Tickets available at Bay Books, Monterey and Bookmark, Pacific Grove for $10 for adults, and $5 for children. 658-0806.

The Jazz Store Jazz Series presents Babatunde,the exceptional percussionist that stunned a Jazz Store audience in March. Performance starts at 7:30 p.m. at 236 Crossroads Blvd., in the Crossroads Shopping Center, Carmel. Admission is $20 per person, $10 for students under 18. 624-6432.

Stuart & Rooney, Live Performance — Stuart and Rooney return to Borders to play some holiday music. 8 p.m. at Borders, 2080 California St., Sand City. 899-6643.

Pianist Jan Deneau — 7 to 10:30 p.m. at The Bay Club, The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach. 647–7500.

I Cantori di Carmel — in concert with Ensemble Monterey, Dr. Sal Ferrantelli, Conductor.Concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Carmel Mission Basilica, Carmel. General Admission $14, reserved seating, $20. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Carmel Music Co., Carmel — Bookworks, Pacific Grove — Bookmark, Pacific Grove — Bay Books, Monterey.

MISCELLANEOUS

Gibson Gallery presents Hank Ketcham at a "meet the artist reception." The public is invited to meet this famous Carmel artist as he is honored at a reception and book and art signing at Gibson Gallery located at San Carlos and Seventh Streets in Carmel from 5 to 8 p.m. 624-9296.

Bookworks presents Barbara Saltzman, mother of the late author David Saltzman, reading and signing her son's book, "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle." 10 a.m. at Bookworks, 667 Lighthouse Ave, Pacific Grove. 372-2242.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium if offering an early holiday gift to Monterey County residents: free admission. Admission is good for all aquarium exhibits and programs. Residents must present valid identification and proof of residence at a special counter near the main entrance. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 648-4800.

Stillwell's Snow in the Park is presented by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. Caledonia Park becomes a winter wonderland, blanketed in snow and festive, twinkling lights. There will be hayrides and entertainment for the young and young at heart. 373-3304.

Monterey Peninsula College will conduct auditions for "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," "Is There a Comic in the House?" and "Mr. Whatnot," 1 p.m. in the Main Stage Theatre on campus. 646-4063.

Pacific Repertory Theatre will conduct auditions for "Inherit the Wind," 2 to 5 p.m. at the Golden Bough Playhouse, Monte Verde between 8th and 9th, Carmel. 622-0700.

Thunderbird Books, 3600 The Barnyard, Carmel, presents Barbara Saltzman, mother of late author David Saltzman, reading and signing her son's book, "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle." 3 to 4 p.m. 624-1803.

Gray's Art Gallery is having an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. to open its new show "Give The Gift of Art." 4 to 7 p.m. at 1104 Suite K, Broadway, Seaside. 899-1069.

The Artists Equity sponsors a workshop vital to an artist's career entitled "Grants and Grant Writing for Individual Artists." Workshop is from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Artists Equity Resource Center located in Studio 10, Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. 644-6246.

Advent: Season of Hope or Delusion? You've shopped and wrapped and trimmed, but something deeper calls, shining from the darkness. Discover what Advent — the coming of God-with-us — means and how Advent hope proceeds Christmas joy. St. Angela's Parish Hall, Lighthouse at 9th St., Pacific Grove at 2:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Free and open to people of all faiths. 655-5138.

The Ron Mura Gallery is hosting a Christmas Party sponsored by Toys for Tots from noon to 9 p.m. (please bring a toy). Selected prints will be displayed for their first silent auction. On Mission between 5th and 6th, Carmel. 624-MURA.

"The Jester Has Lost His Jingle, " a story by David Saltzman will be read by his mother Barbara Saltzman, in the children's section at 7 p.m. Borders, 2080 California St., Sand City. 899-6643.

The 4th Annual Happy Holiday Parade, sponsored by the City of Seaside, will be at noon. The parade will begin on Fremont and Hilby Streets and proceed north to West Broadway and Alhambra Street, and will feature high school bands, clowns, holiday characters, drill teams, floats, youth groups, and Santa Claus. 899-6270.

"Christmas in the Adobes" — Hosts and hostesses dressed in period costume will welcome visitors to Monterey historic buildings lit by luminaria, candlelight and enhanced with period Christmas decorations, musical entrainment and refreshments. Over twenty participating adobes clustered in a five-block area will be featured and all are with in walking distance for the self-guided tour. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Cooper Store, 525 Polk St, Monterey or selected participating adobes on the night of the tour. Tickets are $12 for adults and $2 for children. Tour is from 5 to 9 p.m. 647-6226.

Pokey Puppy Reading Party with Pokey Puppy in person. There will be treats, games, and reading! For ages 3 to 7 years old, at 11 a.m. at Bay Books & Coffeehouse, 316 Alvarado St., Monterey. 375-1855.

Teddy Bear Tea — noon to 2 p.m. "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle," reading by Barbara Saltzman; art project; refreshments. Children free is accompanied by a teddy bear. Monterey Museum of Art, 559 Pacific St.,Monterey. Admission $3, non-members $4, active military and full-times students with I.D., $1.50. 372-5477.

It's a learning day at Borders. The Lyceum of Monterey County will provide hands-on activities in the Children's Section from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop in anytime. 2080 California St., Sand City. 899-6643.

Sunday/14
MUSIC/DANCE

Camerata Singers of Monterey County will observe composers and their own anniversaries in "Christmas Concerts at the Missions" series with works by composers Lou Harrison, Johannes Brahms, Felix Mendelssohn and Franz Schubert. Performance begins at 4 p.m. at Mission San Juan Bautista. Season tickets $30, single tickets $15 adults, and $6 for students. 883-0491.

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Robert E. Graham will sign copies of his book, "50-50 at 50," 1 to 3 p.m. at Thunderbird Bookshop in The Barnyard, Carmel. 624-1803.

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Classical Latin guitarist and vocalist, Javier Sanchez Lozano, will perform during brunch on the Patio at Bradley Jones Restaurant & Tavern at 3600 The Barnyard in Carmel. From 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 622-5200.

Big Band Swing & Latin dance instruction with Vinnie Apicella. Ongoing Sunday workshops at Carmel American Legion Post, Dolores & 8th. Preregister, $5/class. Drop-ins $10/class. Call 333-0800.

William Watson, Live Performance — William Watson returns to Borders with a collection of holiday and original songs. 3 p.m., Borders, 2080 California St., Sand City. 899-6643.

The Helcio Milito Trio plays Brazilian and American Jazz, 7 to 11 p.m. in the Lobby Lounge of The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach. Helcio is joined by pianist Jovino Santo Neto and guest artist Regerio Miao on bass. 647–7500.

Jazz pianist Dick Whittington — 7 to 10:30 p.m. at The Bay Club, The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach. 647–7500.

MISCELLANEOUS

"There's No Place Like Home For the Holidays" — contributing author Linda Ford will be at Borders at 1 p.m. 2080 California St., Sand City. 899-6643.

Monterey Peninsula College will conduct auditions for "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," 1 p.m. in the Main Stage Theatre on campus. 646-4063.

The Feast for Aids, now in its 7th year and premier food and wine event is a major benefit for the Monterey County AIDS Project. The event is at the DoubleTree Hotel, Monterey at 6 p.m. Tickets are $125 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 394-4747.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium if offering an early holiday gift to Monterey County residents: free admission. Admission is good for all aquarium exhibits and programs. Residents must present valid identification and proof of residence at a special counter near the main entrance. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 648-4800.

"A Collection of Wearable Art" by the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. is holding a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. at Back Porch Fabrics and Quilt Gallery, 157 Grand Ave. at Central Ave., Pacific Grove. 375-4453.

Monday/15
LECTURES/-WORKSHOPS

"Starting Over," the third in a series of workshops sponsored by the YWCA focusing on domestic violence education and awareness. Program is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the YWCA of Monterey County, 150 Mar Vista Dr., Monterey. The fee is $5 each, couples, $8, members $3. 649-0834.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Carmel Women's Club presents Linda Purdy, local resident, and well-known singer. Accompanying Ms. Purdy is Pauline Thomas-Troia, a member of the Monterey Bay Symphony. The program will begin at 2 p.m. at the Carmel Women's Clubhouse, at Ninth and San Carlos, Carmel. Refreshments will be served, non-members, $3. 624-3379.

Pacific Repertory Theatre will conduct auditions for "Inherit the Wind," 7 to 10 p.m. at the Golden Bough Playhouse, Monte Verde between 8th and 9th, Carmel. 622-0700.

Monterey Peninsula College will conduct auditions for "Is There a Comic in the House?" and "Mr. Whatnot," 7 p.m. in the Main Stage Theatre on campus. 646-4063.

Tuesday/16
MUSIC/DANCE

"A Chanticleer Christmas," presented by Chanticleer, the Bay Area's internationally acclaimed male vocal ensemble will present two programs at the Carmel Mission, Rio Road, Carmel. The concerts will begin at 5 p.m and 8 p.m. Tickets are $29 and $25 and are available by phone at 415-392-4400 or 1-800-407-1400 or at BASS ticket centers.

Greek Folk Dance classes for beginners commence at 6:30 p.m. in Room 10, Sunset Center, San Carlos and Ninth Avenue. The classes are one hour and all ages are welcome. Partners are not necessary. Intermediate and advanced students meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is $4 per class. For more details, call 375–2549.

Fat Tuesday with Roger Eddy — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Bradley Jones Restaurant & Tavern. 3690 The Barnyard, Carmel. 622-5200.

Winter Concert — presented by Monterey Peninsula College Concert Band will feature holiday favorites starting at 8 p.m. at the MPC Music Hall. Monterey Peninsula College, 980 Fremont St., Monterey.

Big Band Swing & Latin dance instruction with Vinnie Apicella. On-going workshops at Monterey Billiards' Tuesday Jazz Jam with Joe Lucido and Friends. $5/class. Call 333-0800.

Wednesday/17
MISCELLANEOUS

The Monterey Chapter of the Widowed Persons Association of California meet for a Christmas "Social" from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Crossroads Shopping Center in Carmel. Those interested will go to dinner afterwards. 373-7069.

Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. every Wednesday at All Saints Church, Dolores and Ninth Avenue, Carmel. Open to all duplicate bridge players. Fee: $4.50. 625–4307.

Thursday/18
MUSIC/DANCE

Monterey Museum of Art presents a delightful selection of Christmas music by Joyful Tidings Players in complete Dicken's attire. Free refreshments and wine available for purchase. The performance is from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 559 Pacific St., Monterey. 372-5477.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Literary Circle Book Discussion Group will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss this month's selection: "King Lear" by William Shakespeare. The meeting is free at the Community Room at the Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific St., Monterey. Ages 16 and up. 646-3932.

The Carmel Republican Women Federated invites you to the Annual Luncheon meeting with installation of officers and entertainment by Salvation Army musicians at 11:30 a.m. at Quail Lodge in Carmel Valley. The cost is $20 per person. Please bring a new unwrapped toy and canned goods for the Salvation Army. 624-8098.

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FOOD & TRAVEL

Up close and personal, a la Italiana, this Saturday

AN OPEN invitation to all readers and friends to join me for an Italian Christmas, from 10 a.m. to noon tomorrow at the Nob Hill Foods Store on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove. I'll be broadcasting LIVE for Magic 63 radio and signing my books, both the Italian and the Mexican Cookery as personalized Christmas gifts. There'll be prizes and munchies, a food demo by genial Joe Rombi of La Mia Cucina, and answers to your food questions. See you there!

Traveling Gourmet

By Lotte Mendelsohn

Thought we might include it on the fast food luncheon menus and send our work forces back to the bustling pre-holiday shops with a more positive, even euphoric attitude about their afternoon chores!

Contradictory origins

The mythological origins of these foods of the gods is contradictory. One legend names a goat, "Amaltheia," as Zeus' wet nurse. She is supposed to have suckled not only the Greek father of the gods, but also all the other lesser gods on the organizational chart. She was a busy and generous creature providing a two-tap service; ambrosia from one horn (or whatever) and nectar from the other.

A conflicting legend makes Amaltheia a nymph, who was the famous goat's keeper. This version is called the "One Horn Theory." Only one product was dispensed. Enough nitpicking, let's get on with the research.

Ambrosia, sometimes called "Heavenly Bread," is widely assumed to have been the food of the gods; nectar, their drink. This Homeric theory was reversed by Sappho who described an "ambrosial vapor" which sustained and released the gods from the coarse function of eating.

In Milan however, the work is traced to the honeyed eloquence of Saint Ambrose. Checking the dates, we find this is simply historically impossible. The good Bishop came upon the scene in 375 A.D., a millennium after the word was current in Greece. History can be elastic at times!

The essential characteristic of ambrosia was its sweetness, said to be nine times sweeter than honey. What scientific basis there may have been for this mathematical precision, no one knows. They further attested that though sweet, it was never cloying. Because the divine sustenance was forbidden to mere morals, no historian was ever able to prove this.

Wines of the gods

Later, Greeks used the adjective form of the word to describe the sweetest of table grapes. The wine of the island of Chios, reputedly the sweetest of the ancient world, was said to have been created by the son of Dionysus and therefore bore the name of Ambrosia. In addition to its flavor it was said to have left one hangover-free, a great bounty in those days of massive digestive abuse. An unromantic reference to the name, states that the primitive cereal food of early Greece as sweetened with honey, also bore the name.

"Nectar" is used today to describe what bees suck from blossoms to make honey. A tea called "*Ambrosier* " is mentioned in a cookery guide, and curative powers for colic are attributed to it. The Germans are said to have used it also for medicinal purposes. So do many Latin-American homeopaths. "*Ambrosia Maritima*" is used in Africa as a condiment.

In the U.S., our library time uncovered two other completely different types of ambrosia. One a familiar, ageless treat, the recipe for which you'll find below; and three different ambrosia-by planted weeds, the most noxious of which, the *Ambrosia Psilostachya*, hides beneath its heavenly name to better make half the U.S. populous sneeze ... its common name, Western Ragweed. It certainly has no heavenly attributes! Every year, we still think, "I've got that pesky annual cold again and it just won't go away!" What pleased the Greeks, has "sneezed" we North Americans. Please pass the Kleenex and I think I like egg nog or the dessert/salad kind of Ambrosia at this time of year!

Decembers the month for heavenly quaffing

In the less-than-paradisiac world in which we live, I've been amusing myself by collecting data on divine sustenance; ambrosia, nectar, mead and the like.

Settlement Cookbook's Ambrosia circa 1940s

"Cut a pineapple into one inch slices, then pare, twist off pieces to the core, with strong fork. Pare two oranges and a grapefruit, separate into sections, removing membrane between. Sprinkle one cup sugar over all, add juice of a lemon; chill. Before serving mix with fresh grated coconut."

Because in my house, we never left any recipe alone, the above evolved into the addition of a handful of mini-marshmallows and half cup chopped pecans. Several old fashioned cooks that I know wouldn't dream of making ambrosia without the addition of sliced bananas. So there you have it, to each his own; one man's ambrosia may be another man's sulfur and molasses.

Lotte Mendelsohn has written three books (culinary travelogs), and lectures extensively at universities, to food professionals and consumer groups. Her 'Traveling Gourmet' features are broadcast daily on KIDD Magic 63 radio.

Lotte and her husband, Bert, reside in Pebble Beach.

CALENDAR...

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Friday/19

MUSIC/DANCE

The combined Adult, Children's Choirs, and Bell Ringers of the Mayflower Presbyterian Church present a Christmas Concert and Community Carol Sing at 7 p.m. There is no charge for admission. Mayflower is located at 14th and Central Ave in Pacific Grove. 373-4705.

The Helcio Milito Trio plays Brazilian and American Jazz, 7 to 11 p.m. in the Lobby Lounge of The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach. Helcio is joined by pianist Weber Drummond and guest artist Lauri Hofer, vocalist. 647–7500.

Dine and dance to the sounds of the Alpine Trio, 7 to 11 p.m. at Lugano Swiss bistro, The Barnyard, Carmel. 626-3779.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alliance on Aging Senior Outreach Luncheon presents "Music and More Music," with Bob Phillips, professional pianist and several musician friends. Luncheon is at the Pacific Grove Community Center, 515 Junipero Ave., Pacific Grove beginning at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required for this special holiday luncheon. $3 donation. 646-4636.

Pacific Grove Downtown Merchants offer late-nights Fridays for the holidays. Sponsored by The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, some merchants will be open as late as 8 p.m. 373-3304.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC REVIEW

Thomas Hansen displays superior musicianship

By LYN BRONSON

THOMAS HANSEN is a no-nonsense pianist. That is to say there are no mannerisms in his playing, no "concert pianist" affectations, and no musical distortions through ignorance of matters of style. What you see is what you get, and what you see is that Mr. Hansen is a fine musician who just happens to play the piano.

I don't mean to imply that he is not a complete master of his craft, for his performance in the Music Hall at California State University Monterey Bay on Dec. 7 — of a demanding program with such major works as Beethoven's Sonata No. 30, Op. 109, Debussy's *Images Book II* and Prokofiev's Seventh Piano Sonata — demonstrated a total command and commitment to his craft. Also, since Mr. Hansen is performing the Rachmaninoff Third Concerto in February with the Redwood Symphony, there is no question that he is an accomplished virtuoso. The significant fact is that he doesn't let it interfere with his music-making. What comes across is an appealing, sincere modesty.

The high point of the recital was his sensitive performance of Debussy's *Images Book II.* In these mercurial pieces Mr. Hansen demonstrated a lovely tonal palate encompassing many shades of *pianissimo* that seduced us with their loveliness. The musical lines were shaped with loving care and infinite patience. The concluding work in this set, *Poissons d'or* (Goldfish), positively shimmered and created a magic spell.

Another wonderful performance was the Prokofiev *Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major.* Although in the wrong hands this can be an unnecessarily bangy work, Mr. Hansen managed to control the texture, even at the highest dynamic levels, and never assaulted us with ugly sounds. The second movement received a poignant performance, and the finale was a real blockbuster.

The Chopin *Scherzo in E Major,* perhaps the least performed of the four *Scherzi,* was played with a convincing abandon. Although the middle section in c-sharp minor was a little on the fast side and thus failed to achieve the depth of pathos of which it is capable, Mr. Hansen pulled all the elements together at the end and achieved a nicely balanced performance.

Perhaps the only disappointments in the recital were the first two pieces, the Mozart *Rondo in A Minor* and the Beethoven *Sonata Op. 109.* Performed in an intimate setting like the Music Hall at CSUMB which only seats 165, the Mozart *Rondo* needed a hushed contemplative performance. Mr. Hansen overplayed this piece, especially his left hand which constantly intruded into our consciousness and obscured much of the work's charm.

The Beethoven *Sonata Op. 109* contained a lot of playing that was beautiful and solidly executed. However, the grand architectural scope of this work demands a more leisurely and deliberate pace in order to allow the clarity of the design to emerge.

Since both of these works were on the early part of the program, we had ample opportunity to observe that the farther he progressed through the recital, the more seasoned his playing became. We have to salute Thomas Hansen as a pianist who has something valuable to say and the means to say it. Don't miss him the next time he performs here.

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Rare Finds on the Peninsula

Alyce L. Simon

Alyce L. Simon offers holistic healing, palliative care to senior citizens — people whom Simon believes "really need to be pampered." Simon is a Carmel-based certified massage practitioner, nursing assistant and home health assistant.

"I like to administer genuine care, to make people as comfortable as possible."

Simon's specialty is myofascial therapy, a type of massage that enhances circulation, helps relieve fascia tissue constrictions and rid the body of excess toxins. Her office is at 3855 Via Nona Marie, Suite 203C. She can also visit clients at their homes, by appointment.

Alyce Simon offers her clients many tips for their health and comfort. She can also organize their environment to make it more efficient for them. This she calls "senior citizen proofing" the home.

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On Saturday, December 13, sales representatives from Patagonia, Moving Comfort and Pearl Izumi will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to give expert advice. Come in and get those helpful hints for your holiday gift list.

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Myles Williams, Owner

The Carmel Inn for Seniors, located in the heart of Carmel-by-the-Sea since 1967, is hosting a Christmas party, and you're invited! The party/open house is set 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23 at the inn, located on San Carlos between Seventh and Eighth.

"Our people are here because they've lived long enough to deserve a high degree of TLC, and association with their peer group is the greatest therapy of all," explains Administrator Elaine King.

Quality of living is emphasized at this residential care facility. Open to people age 60 and up, The Carmel Inn for Seniors offers transportation for appointments and social outings, daily maid and room service, three meals a day and snacks around-the-clock. Happy hour is a tradition each afternoon.

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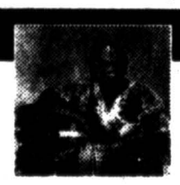

Sat. Dec. 13

The exceptional percussionist Babatunde stunned a Jazz Store audience in March with his incredible musicianship and swinging technique. With an incredibly delicate touch so every stroke can be heard; Babatunde's expertise includes not only straight-ahead jazz, but African, Cuban, and Brazilian styles as well for an incredibly rich mixture of rhythms. He can be heard on his Diaspora Records release, *Level of Intent*, which includes Jon Faddis, Kenny Barron, and Hilton Ruiz, among others.

Jessica Williams

Sat. Dec. 20

Jazz Store favorite Jessica Williams will perform a solo concert to start off the holiday season. Williams' mastery of all styles of jazz piano, from James P. Johnson through Art Tatum and Monk, is impressive, and why Dave Brubeck says she is the best improvising pianist playing today. She has an upcoming new release on the Blackhawk label entitled *Joyful Sorrow*, a celebration of Bill Evans recorded live at the Jazz Store September 15, 1996.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturday January 24 ➤ Mary Stallings
- Saturday February 21 ➤ Danny Zeitlin & David Friesen
- Saturday February 28 ➤ Woody Woodhouse Trio
- Sat March 7 ➤ Alan Broadbent/Joe LaBarbara/Putter Smith
- Saturday March 14 ➤ David Liebman Trio
- Saturday March 21 ➤ Kenny Rankin

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CLASSICAL MUSIC REVIEW

Choral Society opens holiday concert season

By NATHALIE PLOTKIN

THE MONTEREY Peninsula Choral Society ushered in the Christmas holiday season with a fine exhibit of joyous sounds. Saturday night in the Carmel Mission Basilica, a full house audience was greeted as they arrived by the delightful tinkling and twinkling of hand bells playing music of the season. What an inspired touch!

Joy was the keynote of the program and Linda Keill, music director of the dedicated choristers who make up the society, chose a fresh and diverse assortment of music to carry out the theme.

Singing the Hebrew "Hallelujah" which has become their traditional entrance processional, the 65-member chorus took their places. The opening "Glory to God in the Highest" by Pergolesi was a sparkling musical outing. Soloists Anne Schultz and Robin Luscombe carolled sweetly and happily in appealing close harmony, while the massed voices of the choir were impressive in diction and tone.

The Schubert "Mass in G Major, No. 2" is the first of the three masses to be performed by different choral groups over the next two weeks in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth. With the Monterey String Quartet plus David Suggs, bass and Diane Engle, keyboard, acting as the orchestra, and with soprano Tyanne Goltz, tenor Ernesto Parreno and bass Arthur Reedie as vocal soloists, the performance was appealing to the heart and to the ear.

Tyanne Goltz was a gemlike vocalist, singing her music with pure floating tone and refined understanding. Bass Arthur Reedie projects his music with warmth and depth, shaping and blending his lines with nobility. Tenor Ernesto Parreno's brief portion was well sung.

The chorus did themselves proud. Their tone was polished and disciplined and they responded attentively to Ms. Keill's direction. The pacing was very fine. The "Gloria" was rousing and confidently delivered. The "Credo," though less dramatic, had a fine texture and the lovely Schubertian melodies were smoothly set out. A thundering "Sanctus" and a lively fugal "Hosanna" were a pleasure to listen to. The "Mass" ends quietly with David Dally playing a beautiful pleading violin line in the "Agnus Dei" and the chorus singing a refined, meditative "Done Nobis Pacem" as their final utterance.

A swinging rendition of the spiritual "Wonderful Counselor" arranged by Jester Hairston with soprano Anne Schultz and baritone David Rose was stylish and rhythmically solid.

Innovative touch

The second half of the program opened with a fresh and innovative touch. The Monterey Peninsula Community Handbell Choir led by Mary Ellen Reedie, merrily jingled their way through "The Carol of the Bells" and "Silver Bells." Their very special sound really sparkled brightly even as it revealed its gentleness and humanity. This is a segment of the concert that made me smile in recollecting it.

Five sections of Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" were sung by the "Women's Ensemble" with Anne Schultz as soloist. Diane Engle was the excellently sensitive accompanist. The quality of the performance was exemplary.

The carol "He is Born" was sung by the full chorus plus hand bells and flute and was charming and mellow sounding. "The Three Ships," a suite of Christmas carols arranged by Eric Thiman, brought the Monterey Strings back with soloists Luscome and Rose. This too was happy music very well done. Mozart's "Aye Verum Corpus" K 618 was sung with less reserve and more dramatic intensity than is usually applied to it.

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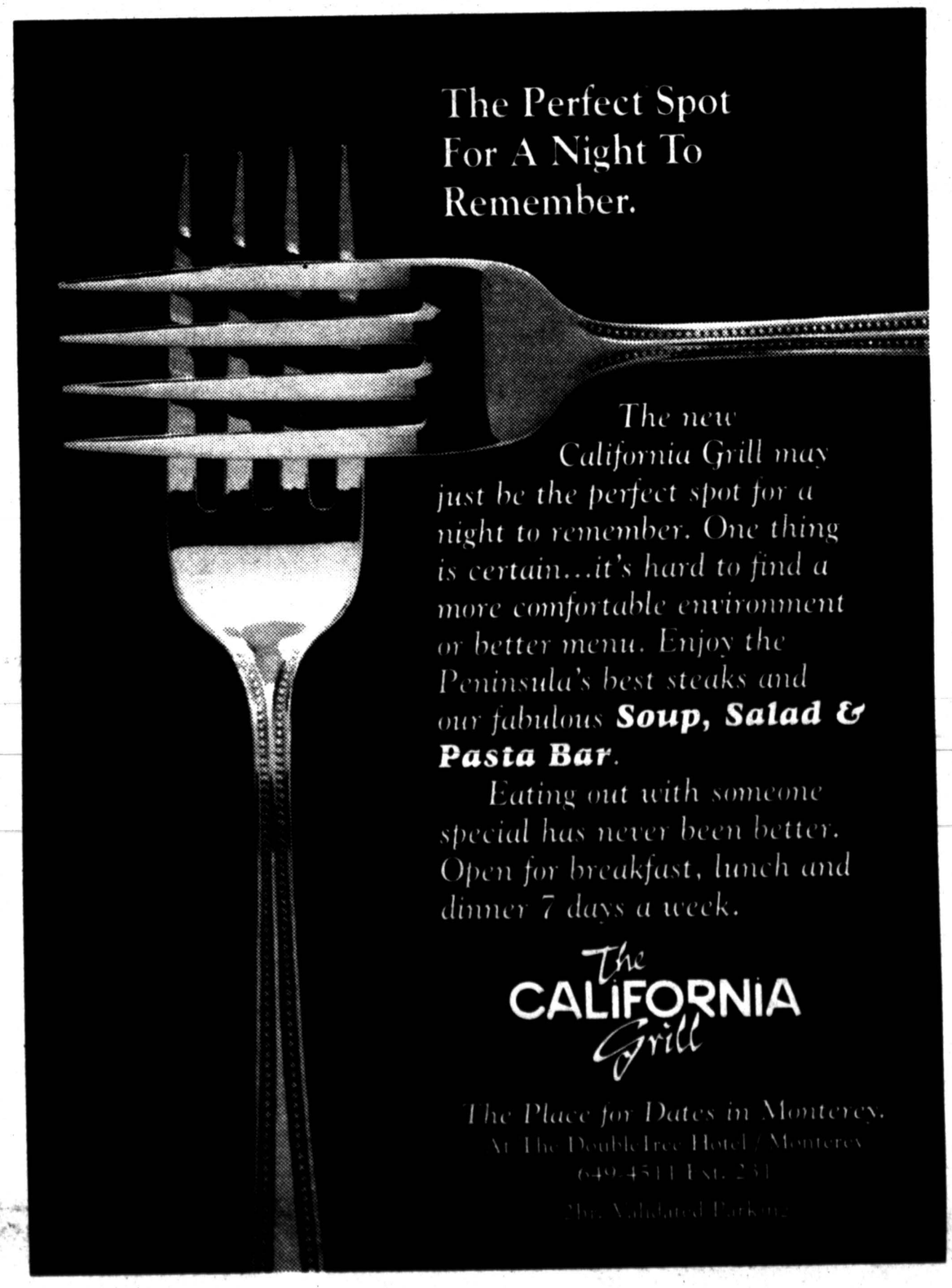
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972141

The following persons are doing business as **STAR SHOPPING CENTER, 1215-1273 South Main Street, Salinas, CA 93901**

PRADER ASSOCIATES, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, 18650 Ranchito Del Rio, Salinas, CA 93908

JOHN M. PRADER, General Partner, 18650 Ranchito Del Rio, Salinas, CA 93908.

This business is conducted by a limited partnership.

(s) John M. Prader

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1986.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 5, 1997.

Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 1997.

(PC1142)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972021

The following persons are doing business as **COMPUTER EASY, 743 Sanborn Place, Suite #9, Salinas, CA 93901.**

TRAVIS ALEXANDER TOON, 1057 Parkway Drive, Salinas, CA 93905

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Travis Toon

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 1, 1997.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 20, 1997.

Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 1997.

(PC1143)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972165

The following persons are doing business as **ART OF NAILS, 332 Bassett Street #A, King City, CA 93930**

AUDREY MURILLO, 12 Jolon Road, King City, CA 93930

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Audrey Murillo

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 15, 1997

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 10, 1997.

Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 1997.

(PC1144)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972087

The following persons are doing business as **NMA INS. & FIN. SERV. MARCIAL ROJAS & ASSO., 1760 Fremont Blvd., Suite F-8, Seaside, CA 93955**

SIMEON MARCIAL, 908 Sloat, Salinas, CA 93901

BENIGNO T. ROJAS, 135 Seal Court, Marina, CA 93933.

This business is conducted by co-partners.

(s) Benigno T. Rojas

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 1997.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 28, 1997.

Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 1997.

(PC1145)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F971973

The following persons are doing business as **C & S CLEANING SERVICE, 297 Paul Ave., Salinas, CA 93906**

CHRISTINA MARIE ZACHARY, 297 Paul Ave., Salinas, CA 93906.

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Christina M. Zachary

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 13, 1997.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 13, 1997.

Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 1997.

(PC1147)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972125

The following persons are doing business as **TRI COUNTY BAIL BONDS, 50 W. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901**

DEREK DIAZ, 1893 Cherokee #4, Salinas, CA 93905.

STEVE DIAZ, 1728 New Haven Dr., Salinas CA 93906.

MARK DIAZ, 1077 Sherman Dr., Salinas, CA 93907

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

(s) Derek Diaz

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 3, 1997.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 1997.

Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5 12, 1997.

(PC1148)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972170

The following persons are doing business as **J.B. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 224-L, Reindollar Ave., Marina, CA 93933**

JOACHIM F. BEER, 3031 Sunrise Ave., Marina, CA 93933

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Joachim F. Beer

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1988.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 10, 1997.

Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 1997.

(PC1146)

TS 970815
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
APN:004-401-022

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JANUARY 24, 1997. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the real property situated in Monterey County, known as 727 Galindo Street, Salinas, Ca, and described as: LOT 2 IN BLOCK 1, IN THE CITY OF SALINAS, COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN THE MAP ENTITLED "TRACT NO. 259, LOS ALTOS ACRES", FILED FOR RECORD DECEMBER 2, 1954 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY IN VOLUME 6 OF MAPS, "CITIES AND TOWNS", AT PAGE 39. APN 004-401-022, **will be sold at public auction at the front entrance to THE U.S. POST OFFICE, located at 3845 Via Nona Marie, Carmel, CA, at 1:00 P.M., December 19, 1997**, to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check payable to Investor's Service Company, Trust Account.

The sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust executed by ROBERTO AHUMADA RUELAS, A SINGLE MAN and JULIA REYES CEDILLO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor to STEWART TITLE OF MONTEREY COUNTY, a California corporation, as Trustee for the benefit and security of LOUISE COOLEY, an unmarried woman, as Beneficiary, dated January 24, 1997, and recorded on February 12, 1997 in Reel 3430, of Official Records, Monterey County, Page 1376, in the amount of $11,502.52, including the total amount of the unpaid balance and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice plus publication expense.

This sale is conducted at the request of LOUISE COOLEY, as Beneficiary, at 408-757-3731, whose address is:c/o INVESTOR'S SERVICE COMPANY, 225 The Crossroads Blvd., #316, Carmel, CA 93923. Telephone: 408-624-0521.

Investor's Service Company of California, Inc. a California corporation, was substituted as Trustee thereunder by substitution recorded August 20, 1997, as Recorder's Series No. 9747659 of Official Records of Monterey County.

Notice of Default and election to sell the described real property under the Deed of Trust was recorded August 20, 1997, as Recorder's Series No. 9747660 OFFICIAL RECORDS, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

INVESTOR'S SERVICE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, INC., Trustee.

Dated: NOVEMBER 20, 1997

BY: R.D. O'SHEA, President, For the Trustee

225 Crossroads Blvd., Suite 316, Carmel, CA 93923

Telephone:408-624-0521

Fax: 408-624-2982

Publication Dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 1997.

(PC1155)

TS 970819
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
APN:004-723-048

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED APRIL 4, 1997. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the real property situated in Monterey County, known as 918-58 Acosta Plaza, Salinas, Ca, 93905, and described as: PARCEL 1, LOTS 58 and 58A, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED TRACT NO. 737, UNIT NO. 6-B, LAUREL TOWN-HOUSES, FILED FOR RECORD JULY 16, 1978, IN VOLUME 12 OF MAPS, CITIES & TOWNS, AT PAGE 58, MONTEREY COUNTY RECORD. 1954 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, IN VOLUME 6 OF MAPS,"CITIES AND TOWNS:", AT PAGE 39. PARCEL II: TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT OF EASEMENT & ENJOYMENT IN & TO PARCEL "C" (COMMON AREA), AS SAID PARCEL IS DESIGNATED ON THAT TRACT NO. 737, UNIT NO. 6-B, LAUREL TOWNHOUSES, FILED FOR RECORD ON JULY 16, 1978 IN VOLUME 12 OF MAPS, CITIES AND TOWNS, AT PAGE 58 MONTEREY COUNTY RECORDS. APN 004-723-048, **will be sold at public auction at the front entrance to THE U.S. POST OFFICE, located at 3845 Via Nona Marie, Carmel, CA, at 1:00 P.M., December 19, 1997**, to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check payable to Investor's Service Company, Trust Account.

The sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust executed by RIGOBERTO RODRIGUEZ & CONCEPTION SALDIVAR DE RODRIGUEZ, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants, as Trustor, to STEWART TITLE OF MONTEREY COUNTY, a California corporation, as Trustee for the benefit and security of LOUISE HOOVER, as Beneficiary, dated April 4, 1997, and recorded on May 12, 1997 in Reel 3517, of Official Records, Monterey County, Page 631, in the amount of $80,263.56, including the total amount of the unpaid balance and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice plus publication expense.

This sale is conducted at the request of LOUISE HOOVER, as Beneficiary, at 408-757-3731, whose address is:c/o INVESTOR'S SERVICE COMPANY, 225 The Crossroads Blvd., #316, Carmel, CA 93923. Telephone: 408-624-0521.

Investor's Service Company of California, Inc. a California corporation, was substituted as Trustee thereunder by substitution recorded August 20, 1997, as Recorder's Series No. 9747661 of Official Records of Monterey County.

Notice of Default and election to sell the described real property under the Deed of Trust was recorded August 20, 1997, as Recorder's Series No. 9747662 OFFICIAL RECORDS, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

INVESTOR'S SERVICE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, INC., Trustee.

Dated: NOVEMBER 21, 1997

BY: R.D. O'SHEA, President, For the Trustee

225 Crossroads Blvd., Suite 316, Carmel, CA 93923

Telephone:408-624-0521

Fax: 408-624-2982

Publication Dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 1997.

(PC1156)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. F972031

The following persons are doing business as **GELABERT VOCATIONAL SERVICES, 210 Capitol St. #7, Salinas, CA 93901.**

ALICIA GELABERT, 51 La Mirada Ct., Salinas, CA 93901.

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Alicia Gelabert

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1998.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on October 21, 1997.

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(PC1153)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972124

The following persons are doing business as **THE FINAL TOUCH PATINA CO., 718-C Redwood Avenue, Sand City, CA 93955.**

JAMIE JOHN FANTOZZI, 328 Roberts Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

DANIEL CURTIS FANTOZZI, 328 Roberts Ave., Seaside, CA 93955.

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

(s) Jamie Fantozzi

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on November 3, 1997.

Publication dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 1997.

(PC1154)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972207

The following persons are doing business as **THE VISIONS GROUP, 24331 San Juan Rd., Carmel, CA 93923**

JEAN S. MAHONEY, 24331 San Juan Rd, Carmel, Ca 93923

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Jean S. Mahoney

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 3, 1997.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 18, 1997.

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(PC1157)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972151

The following persons are doing business as **PALERA PRODUCTIONS, S/W corner of 10th & Junipero, Carmel, CA 93921.**

PAUL T. PHILLIPS, P.O. Box 1284, S/W corner 10th & Junipero, Carmel, Ca 93921.

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Paul T. Phillips

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 17, 1997.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 6, 1997.

Publication dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 1997.

(PC1159)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972158

The following persons are doing business as **CARMEL BALLET ACADEMY/THE DANCE STORE, Mission & 8th Street, P.O. Box 1586, Carmel, CA 93921**

CAROL A. BENTON, 3600 High Meadows Dr., Carmel, Ca 93921.

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Carol Anstey Benton

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 1990.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 7, 1997.

Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 1997.

(PC1201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972188

The following persons are doing business as **KELLY PRODUCTIONS, 824 Munras Avenue, Monterey, CA 93940, Suite "D".**

JOHN D. KELLY, 792 Sinex Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) John D. Kelly

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1994.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 14, 1997.

Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 1997.

(PC1202)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972226

The following persons are doing business as **MUNIZ DESIGN, 722 Granite St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950**

CHRIS GILLIS, 722 Granite St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950

KURT EVERY, 305 Wood St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

(s) Chris Gillis

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1998.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 24, 1997.

Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 1997.

(PC1203)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972159

The following persons are doing business as **V-NAIL SALON, Corner of 7th-Monte Verde, P.O. Box S-3525, Carmel, CA 93921**

RALPH V. VO, 1516 Mt. Pleasant Rd., San Jose, Ca 95127.

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Carol A. Benton

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 7, 1997.

Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 1997.

(PC1204)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972240

The following persons are doing business as **CREATIVE EVENTS, 26080 Rancho Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.**

JAMES WARREN, 26080 Carmel Rancho Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923.

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) James Warren

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan., 1990.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 26, 1997.

Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 1997.

(PC1205)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972217

The following persons are doing business as **ABC SUPPLY CO., INC., 11180 Commercial Pkwy, Castroville, CA 95012.**

AMERICAN BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS SUPPLY CO., INC, DELAWARE, One ABC PKWY, Beloit, WI 53511.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Type of Business: Wholesale Building Material Distribution.

(s) Kendra A. Story, Treasurer

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 3, 1997.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 20, 1997.

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(PC1206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972013

The following persons are doing business as **GARDEN WEST OFFICE PLAZA, 1900 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940.**

MHC OPERATING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, 2 N. Riverside Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

This business is conducted by a limited partnership.

(s) Ellen Kelleher, Exec. VP of the GP of MHC Operating Limited Partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Aug. 29, 1997.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 20, 1997.

Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 1997.

(PC1207)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972211

The following persons are doing business as **ARM OF CALIFORNIA, 6800 Owensmouth Avenue, Suite 260, Canoga Park, CA 91303.**

ASSOCIATED RISK MANAGERS OF CALIFORNIA (A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION), 6800 Owensmouth Avenue, Suite 260, Canoga Park, CA 91303.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

(s) Linda J. Abell, VP/Manager

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 29, 1974.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 19, 1997.

Publication dates: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 1997.

(PC1208)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972213

The following persons are doing business as **RENARD APPRAISAL COMPANY, 22082 Toro Views Dr., Salinas, CA 93908**

MARTHA RENARD, 22082 Toro Views Dr., Salinas, CA 93908.

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) Martha Renard

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1997.

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(PC1212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972210

The following persons are doing business as **PEBBLE BEACH MOTORCARS, 108 Chapparral, Carmel Valley, CA 93924**

LAUB OVERSEAS CORPORATION, 1972, 108 Chapparral, Carmel Valley, CA 93924

This business is conducted by a corporation.

(s) Paul Laub

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1972.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 18, 1997.

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(PC1213)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972174

The following persons are doing business as **INTERNATIONAL MARKET & DELI, 580 Lighthouse Avenue, Monterey, CA 93940.**

ISKANDER KEREMIAN, 186 Gardenia Dr., Salinas, CA 93906.

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) I. Keremian

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 10, 1992.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 12, 1997.

Publication dates: Dec.12, 19, 26, 1997, Jan. 2, 1998

(PC1214)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. F972133

The following persons are doing business as **SYSTECH, 1051 Alameda St., Monterey, CA 93940**

DAVID ERB, 1051 Alameda St., Monterey, CA 93940

This business is conducted by an individual.

(s) David Erb

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 24, 1997.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 4, 1997.

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(PC1215)

SOCIAL EVENTS

CHUCK SCARDINA PHOTOS

Geoff Arnold, Alzheimer's president Donna Johnston, and daughter Merry Arnold from Boston pose at the Alzheimer's Association Monterey Chapter party Dec. 3 at Pebble Beach.

Retiring board members and award winners Bob Becker, Hans Lehmann and Gene Hopkins chat at the Alzheimer's Association party.

Gene Hopkins lights the candles at the closing ceremony at the Alzheimer's Association party Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Christmas comes to Carmel Women's Club

Social Spotlight

By Dodie Barkley

BEFORE THE beautiful joys of Christmas are over, I must tell you how very pretty the Carmel Women's Club Christmas Tea was at their clubhouse Dec. 1.

Barbara Moseley, (sporting a lovely Christmas outfit) and her committee, decorated the tables and parts of the stage with teddy bears and colorful toys of all kinds.

President **Mildred Fergerson** welcomed everyone, and then public relations honcho **Betty Neill** presented well-known guest speaker **Dale Hekhuis,** who gave a wonderful slide presentation and talk on "Indian Rock Art of the Southwest."

Hekhuis, as a member of the Sierra Club and The American Rock Art Research Association, has explored the Indian canyons, cliffs and rock shelters of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah for eight years.

We viewed huge pictures on canyon walls and learned that petroglyphs are rock carvings thousands of years old, and pictographs are rock paintings. The ancient Indians had no written language so Hekhuis called the large depictions, some of which were seven to 20 feet tall, "pictorial narratives."

"Archaeologists suggest that the symbols are religious in nature. Some are called 'mummies' and 'holy ghosts,'" Hekhuis noted. Fascinating lecture!

The tea and coffee poured from elegant silver pots was delicious, as were the little finger sandwiches and cookies. Just delightful!

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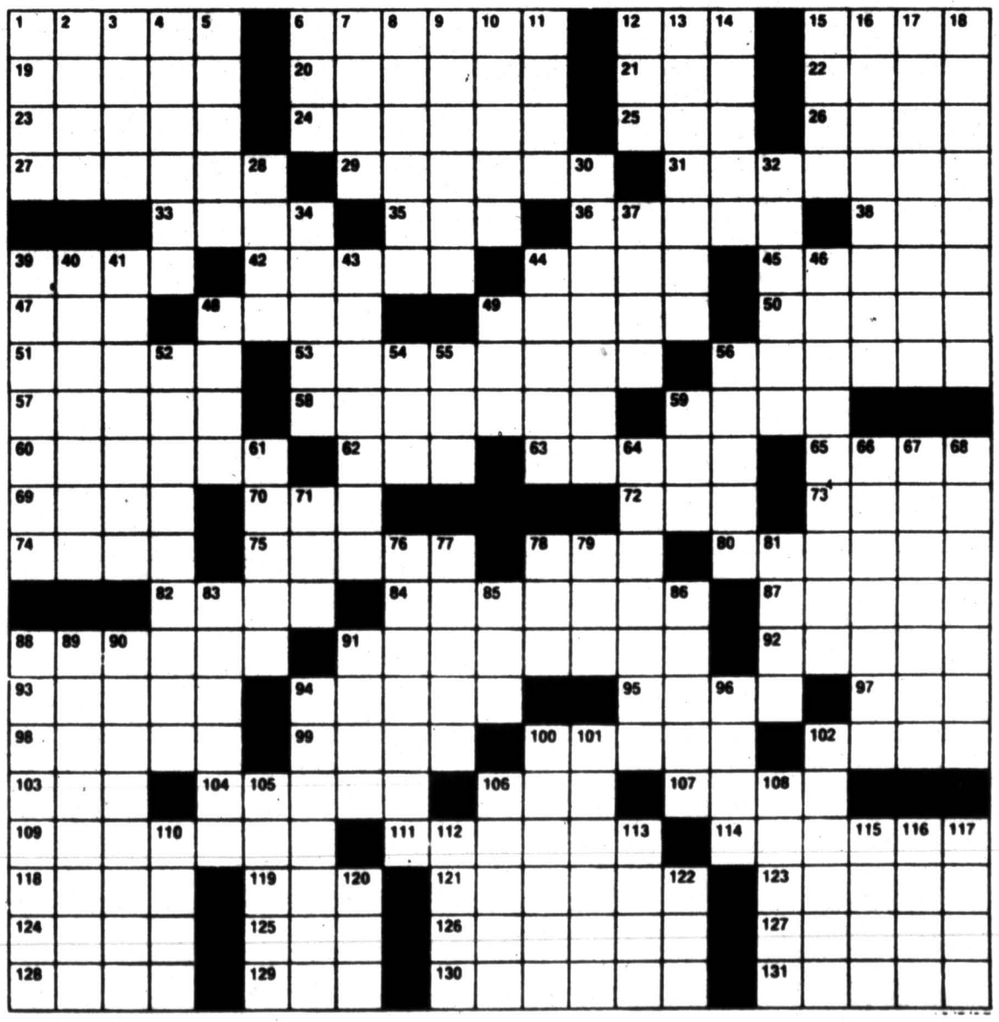
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

BASEBALL BY THE NUMBERS

BY DERRICK NIEDERMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ



ACROSS

1 Freight
6 ◄ Player with this retired number
12 Overly smooth
15 "... this sceptred ——": "Richard II"
19 Site of Joan of Arc's demise
20 Dutch royal house
21 Goof
22 Switchblade
23 Words before clear or way
24 ◄ Player with this retired number, informally
25 Famed railsplitter
26 TV
27 Mideast capital
29 Center of Anytown, U.S.A.
31 Golfer Juli
33 Tennis's Nastase
35 Film director —— Lee
36 Exceed
38 Hearty cheer
39 Without a date
42 "—— at 'em!"
44 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
45 Throat projection
47 Where the Paraná River is: Abbr.
48 First name in horror
49 Prank
50 Honored
51 Shadow companion
53 Dumps
56 "East of Eden" co-star
57 Garlic segment
58 State tree of Missouri
59 Transcript
60 ◄ Season record for which 3-Down had this number
62 Caviar
63 Gypsy, traditionally
65 ——-European
69 Upper, in Saxony
70 Open tract
72 Champ of 10/30/74
73 New Mexico resort
74 Colleague of Farrar and Maleska
75 Travel aid
78 Hex, of a sort
80 Convention activity
82 Pathetic
84 Waxy bloomer
87 Cousin of a loon
88 Clippers
91 Roosevelt quartet
92 Parrot's word
93 It's missing in manana
94 Duck
95 Meat stamp
97 Romanian coin
98 Copier button
99 Slow-moving
100 Race official
102 Boxer Willard
103 Uris hero
104 Brand name at picnics
106 Know-how
107 London gallery
109 ◄ Team that won this many games in 1961
111 ◄ Member of the only team to win this many games in a season
114 Classic action figures
118 Boast
119 Free (of)
121 Wield
123 Supercharger
124 Height: Prefix
125 Debenture, basically
126 More cunning
127 Open
128 Bygone era
129 Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
130 ◄ Season record for which Rickey Henderson had this number
131 Actress Young and others

DOWN

1 Lit —— (college course)
2 Top-flight
3 ◄ Player with this retired number
4 ◄ Player with this retired number
5 "Peyton Place" actor
6 Decimate, with "down"
7 —— and Thummim (Judaic objects)
8 Obeisance
9 Kind of skate
10 Curing, in a way
11 Noted Virginia family
12 Shade of green
13 Umpire
14 Movement
15 Practitioners' suffix
16 ◄ Season record for which Grover Cleveland Alexander had this number
17 One smeared in England
18 Big name in batteries
28 Blue ——
30 Sink
32 ◄ Player with this retired number
34 Sought lampreys
37 Western Athletic Conference team
39 Skating jump
40 Object with three round projections
41 Nickname
43 Like certain elections
44 ◄ Player with this retired number
46 Clothing
48 Rabbit or Fox preceder
49 Murmur
52 Swampy tract
54 Hubris source
55 Nor. neighbor
56 First TV series to show a baby being born, 1955
59 60's chess champ
61 Impugns
64 Harshest sentence
66 Enclosed part of a blimp
67 ◄ Season record for which Earl Webb had this number
68 Bony
71 Printemps follower
76 Region of 101-Down
77 Rundown
78 Vegetable container
79 Plastic —— Band
81 Turkish title
83 "—— Good Times Really Over" (1982 country hit)
85 Golly
86 Good will, e.g.
88 Meower
89 V.I.P.
90 "Hamlet" locale
91 Custard
94 What an apostrophe may signal
96 Bummer
100 Superlarge drink
101 Where Firenze is
102 Insipid
105 Spooky
106 Let in
108 Emperor after Vespasian
110 Tae —— do
112 The latest
113 Carol
115 Killer whale
116 "My People" author
117 Absorbs, with "up"
120 Scheduled
122 Many mos.

Answers to this week's puzzle page 8B

SOCIAL EVENTS

Carmel Women's Club President Mildred Fergerson chats with guest speaker Dale Hekhuis at the Christmas Tea Dec. 1 at their Carmel clubhouse.

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■ Alzheimer's Association hosts its 11th Membership Celebration

"As the song goes, 'It was a Very Good Year,' and I am extremely proud to tell you about it," said **Donna Johnston,** president of the Alzheimer's Association, Monterey County Chapter. She related the great financial news to members at the 11th Annual Membership Celebration Dec. 3, held at The Inn at Spanish Bay Ballroom. Net assets in January were $27,742 and now stand at $125,255.

Johnston complimented the board of directors, Executive Director **Sherry Williams,** Development Chair **June Dunbar Phillips** and Benefactor **Ruth Lisle** and others for the remarkable turnaround.

Robert Harrell gave the treasurer's report and **Cambrel B. Marshall** announced the election of board members,

Committee members Barbara Moseley, Fleece Dennis and LaVerne Whitmill pose behind some of the beautiful bears they used to decorate tables for the Carmel Women's Club Tea at their clubhouse.

after which the announcement of officers for 1998 was made.

Gene Hopkins received the Ruth Lisle Philanthropy Award for being "totally generous." The Alzheimer's Association Volunteer Service Award was given to **Bob Becker,** who since 1990, has donated four hours a day working in the office. The Mary Ross Award for Dedicated Service to the Chapter was awarded to **Hans Lehmann,** who has worked with the chapter for more than six years.

Monterey Museum of Art volunteers Irene Bowling, May Hill and Helen Overbrook enjoy the beautiful trees that remain on display at the museum, 559 Pacific St., Monterey.

Following the awards ceremony, guest artist **Ric Masten** read some of his wonderful and at times, very touching poetry. Masten is known as Monterey's "poet-in-residence."

In June, the chapter had 1,078 memory-impaired people and 1,352 caregivers seeking its services. Patient and Family Services Committee Chair **Von Rilling,** her staff and trained volunteers, guided these services.

Without going into the description of this stark and sad disease, Johnston mentioned that volunteers are the backbone of the chapter. Altogether, 60 volunteers gave 3,787 hours of work and gifts; contributions and grants that sustained it were also duly noted.

It was a touching and beautiful ceremony and an honor to be there.

■ Monterey Museum Festival of Trees dazzles

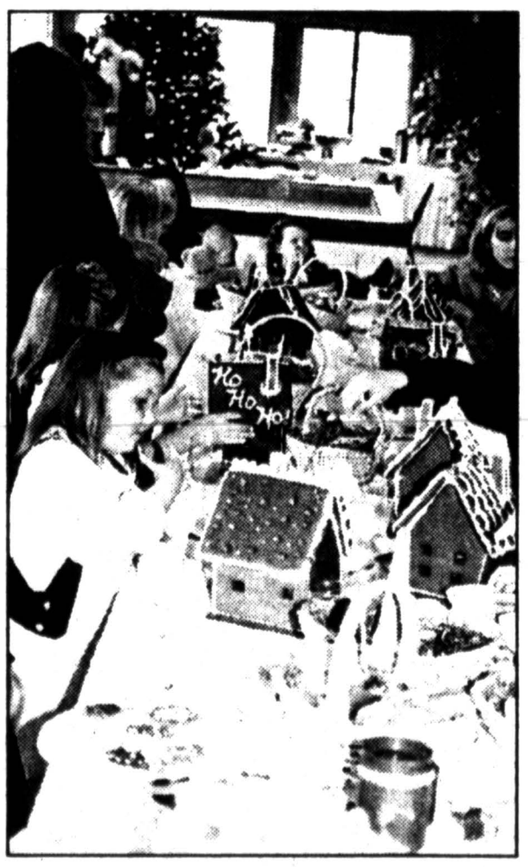
How the Monterey Museum of Art continues to outdo itself each year at its annual Festival of Trees just amazes me. Each Christmas tree was flocked and adorned with a different theme.

From "Country Lace" to "Folk Art," "Cinnamon Bears," "Old MacDonald's Farm" and more, these trees were decked

LaVonna and Donald Corzine enjoy the SPCA Petrunner Preview party.

Maia Carroll and Linda Jaffe of the SPCA get ready to hand out pet calendars at the SPCA Petrunner Preview Party.

D.J. (6) and Joey Reynolds (5) paint cookies and decorate a gingerbread house Saturday at The Twelve Days of Christmas event held at the Barn in Quail Meadows.



Kids, with their moms looking on, decorate cookies and gingerbread houses Saturday at the Barn in Quail Meadows.

Quail Lodge staff members Jaime Walton and Marcel Kneuss helped out in the gingerbread house department during the first Twelve Days of Christmas hosted by Quail Lodge.

Susanne Holm, Tom O'Neal, Cindy McGillen and Jill Vogel hold the Petrunner Calendars for sale at the SPCA party held at the home of Susan and John Akers of Pebble Beach.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Textura Gallery of Carmel models Jennifer Penn, Mary Troup and Rebecca de Walden, manager, pose in the gorgeous creations at RAZZMATAZZ Saturday to benefit Family Resource Center.

Carmel jewelers Douglas Steakley, Harry Haimoff, Kirkor Kocek, Mark Areias and Thom Gregg turned out for RAZZMATAZZ, a benefit jewelry auction and fashion show.

out with gorgeous ornaments. I especially liked one called "Jolly Jesters," featuring all kinds of clowns, and in a back room was a large "Mouse House." All its furnishings were built for mice and their families. Just adorable!

Featured with the trees were very beautiful artists' miniatures — tiny art works by more than 100 artists from all over California — adorned the walls. Each painting will be given away in a drawing on Jan. 5th.

Catered by Tarpy's Roadhouse, the bountiful event featured a huge buffet.

Don't miss the festival and the miniatures — it's an experience for everyone and continues through Dec. 31.

■ SPCA Petrunner Preview party at Pebble Beach

"Everyone here has a pet, or had one or loves them," she said. She? **Maia Carroll,** SPCA public relations spokesperson. Maia, like all other animal lovers, was present at the exciting, crowded (there had to be a million people there) SPCA Third Annual Petrunner Preview Party. It was held Dec. 4 at the magnificent Pebble Beach home of **Susan** and **John Akers.**

It's so much fun to attend the Petrunner Parties because everyone talks about animals, dogs, cats, birds or some exotic creature they studied in Africa. They are totally in love with animals.

At the party, pet calendars sold rapidly for a mere $35. They make excellent Christmas presents because they not only have full calenders for each month, but a special section for each day of each month. Featured are pictures of people with their pets. Carroll informed me that even staffers buy pages in the calenders because of their dedication to animals, and volunteers wandered around selling pages for the 1998 edition during the evening.

Tarpy's Roadhouse catered the affair, handing out scrumptious munchies all evening.

Movers and shakers **Susanne Holm** (who will be chair of the Friends of Monterey County Wildlife next year), **Cindy McGillen** and **Jill Vogel** thanked everyone for coming and buying the calenders and mentioned that photographer **Tom O'Neal,** who takes the photos for the calendar, received the SPCA Golden Paw Award last year.

The SPCA always needs volunteers and other help. This year they completed 387 cruelty investigations, 3,117 wild and domestic animal rescues, 2,207 animal transports to vets, 2,940 spaying and neutering operations, and they received 3,153 animals. Their work is ongoing. If you can help, call 373-2631.

■ Quail Lodge welcomes kids for Christmas

A wreath as big as the Empire State Building, wooden soldiers four feet tall and a huge Christmas tree welcomed youngsters and their parents Saturday at the Barn in Quail Meadows, where they learned how to decorate gingerbread houses and cookies.

As we entered, a "sticky-fingered" brigade of tiny tots was decorating the gingerbread houses with green mint drops in a "one-for-the-mouth, one for the house" style, which caused great laughter.

As part of Quail Lodge's first "The Twelve Days of Christmas" Celebration, this event, which drew kids from all over the peninsula, is sure to grow even larger as soon as the news leaks out.

Executive chef **Gregg Denton,** staff members **Marcel Kneuss** and **Jaime Walton** and others were on hand to teach decorating, and jovial wedding coordinator **Lynne Wright** welcomed one and all.

Delicious sandwiches and a huge piece of cake awaited the new "chefs" as soon as their hands were washed. A fun-filled, happy event!

■ RAZZMATAZZ benefits Family Resource Center

RAZZMATAZZ, a three-day event which joined the Family Resource Center (FRC) with Diamonds-By-The-Sea, a Designer Jewelry Showcase, culminated Saturday at Quail Lodge. Carmel jewelers **Kirkor Kocek, Harry Haimoff, Mark Areias, Thom Gregg, Douglas Steakley** and **John Bonifas** held a silent auction of fine jewelry and luxury items with incredible fashions from **Textura Gallery of Carmel,** and cabaret music by **Shelly Cullin** and the **Bob Phillips Trio,** to benefit FRC.

Created and sponsored by **Barbara** and **Ray March** of the Carmel Publishing Company, the event was well-attended. I spied **Rohana LoSchiavo, Nicole Le Page, Cindy Coates, Tom Buell** and **Linda** and **Sal Balesteri** among others there, all oohing and ahhhing over the stupendous jewelry and fashions.

Each year Family Resource Center serves 4,000 low-income children and adults in Monterey County. It is the most comprehensive program of its kind, offering bilingual programs, counseling and respite child care. For more information, call 394-4622.

Dodie Barkley's Social Spotlight column appears every week. If you have news of social activities, contact Dodie at 626-0514 or write to her in care of The Carmel Pine Cone, P.O. Box G-1, Carmel 93921.

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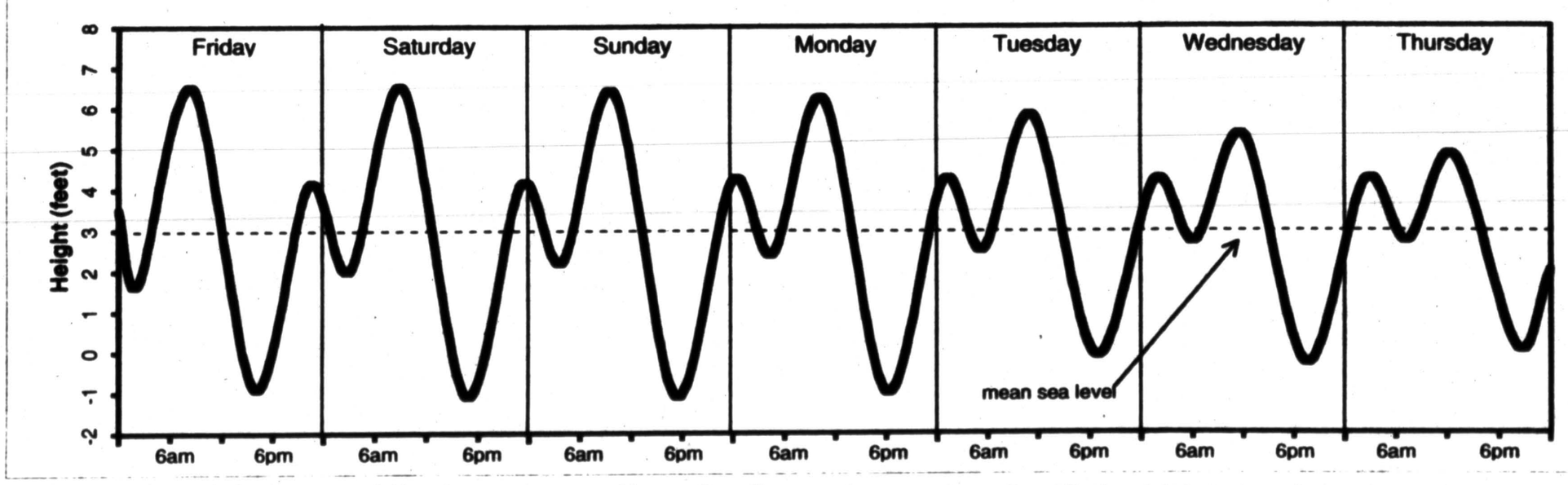

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(PC1140)

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(PC1141)

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File No. F972262

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(PC1211)

THEATER

'Idiot's Delight:' Anti-war comedy cloaked in glamour

By TOM BIRMINGHAM and ERIN GAFILL

ON THE eve of the Second World War, a troupe of giddy, gum-chewing American showgirls and their larger-than-life manager are detained at a sleepy Grand Hotel in the Alps, thus setting the stage for romance, intrigue and lots of laughs.

"Idiot's Delight," which won a Pulitzer for its author Robert E. Sherwood ("The Petrified Forest"), is an anti-war comedy masquerading as a glamorous romp through high society on holiday. Written in 1935, Sherwood imagined how the tensions in Europe would eventually erupt into war, and his vision was remarkably prescient. All action takes place in the cocktail lounge of the Hotel Monte Gabriele, just a few miles from the border. The Italian Alps separate our action from the turmoil in Europe, but unfortunately the mountain getaway is located adjacent to an Italian Air Force base. The peaceful setting is disturbed by the scream of air raid sirens, first just drills then the real thing, as the characters discover themselves to be very much in harms' way.

There is much to praise in this production. Connie Gamiere's costuming is superb, authentic in every detail. The singing, under the direction of Barney Hulse, is terrific, and the conga line finale of Scene I brought the house down — Susan Cable's choreography is consistently engaging. And the musicians are terrific, playing beautifully and moving naturally through the action.

Then there is the set. Mark Hanluk's gorgeous design, a masterpiece of vision, supported by the ingenuity and craftsmanship of Technical Director D. Thomas Beck and Master Carpenter Patrick McEvoy, allows beautiful scenes within scenes to unfold. In one number, song and dance man Harry Van dances with the Countess Irena, (who may or may not be a former paramour from his circus days in Omaha, Nebraska) while we see them as their younger selves behind a sheer screen against the background of the Alps, reenacting their courtship dance.

Stranded at a posh Alpine inn are John Newkirk, Tina Alper, Tamara Gries and Lucien Leutzinger, in the MPC Theatre Co. staging of 'Idiot's Delight.'

In film, there is the zoom shot, pulling focus to include only that which the filmmaker wishes us to see. Live theater must, instead, suggest — by freezing action everywhere else — by using the spotlight to highlight an embrace. Veteran director Peter de Bono uses these effects and many others to suggest layers of meaning.

Little more than caricatures

The limitations of this play lie within the script. On the whole, Sherwood's characters are little more than caricatures. Here we have the Optimistic American, ruled by the dollar, and the Intellectual Frenchman, ruled by his heart. There is the swaggering Italian officer with an eye for the ladies, the Brilliant German scientist whose nationalism ultimately wins out over his passion to save the world.

No action or dialogue can stray from the formula of the character's limited range of qualities. To expect differently would be to expect the Coyote to finally catch the Road Runner, or Bugs to be caught by Elmer. There are no heroes here, just pawns playing out the destiny which birthright and the invisible hands of political leaders have created.

John Newkirk's funny, high-voltage Harry Van, the American song and dance man, is the most fully embodied performance in this production. The poignancy of a man who has wasted his life pitching one easy sell after another, from patent medicines for cancer to a gimmicky mind-reader's act, does not make him cynical of people's gullibility. Rather, it makes him appreciate that quality which so many in the world seem to have, and he can't comprehend: faith. Newkirk is superb.

Cliff Berry is wonderful as the world-weary hotel Social Manager. Kevin Nolan Caston delivers a strong physical performance as Captain Locicero, the Italian frontier station master. We particularly enjoyed Michael Lojkovic's heartfelt Quillery, the French Communist.

All in all, as our players follow the paths laid for them to reach their individual destiny, the moments of real caring or connection are few and hard won. But, as a period piece, and an opportunity to see what one man's view of the near future, "Idiot's Delight," is a satisfying experience. Don't expect it to break new ground, but enjoy it as a chestnut, presented to our grandparents when the winds of war were just beginning to blow.

■ *Tom Birmingham and Erin Gafill are husband and wife theater critics. Tom is the manager of Nepenthe and Erin co-founded The Big Sur Players.*

'Splendid' 'A Christmas Carol' spreads the spirit

By PATRICK WHITEHURST

EVERY YEAR this enchanting play is as fresh as it was when Charles Dickens first penned it. It is a play for children, or for the child that is within us all. His characters are almost mythological . . . they are timeless. They are characters who represent our feelings and emotions perhaps more than they portray real people, and that is the secret to this story's enduring quality.

When these characters are brought to the stage we are ready for them because we know them as we know ourselves, and we will never tire of their Christmas Advent.

Unicorn Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol" is a delight. If you have kids take them to this production. If you don't . . . find some. It will help begin this festive season in the proper mood.

Director and scene designer Cary Crockett takes us back to relive a Christmas in 19th century England with his excellent cast and his ingenious use of stage space while Fred Nielson's skillful lighting moves us smoothly back and forth between the narrator and the action at center stage.

It is always a pleasure to see good and seasoned actors sharing the stage and their experience with children. Robert Colter is, again, excellent in his role as Ebenezer Scrooge. This is his ninth appearance in the role, and he just keeps getting better.

Another outstanding veteran of "Christmas Carol" is actor/director Karner Benjamin who appears for his third year in the role as the narrator, Charles Dickens.

Ebenezer Scrooge (Robert Colter) encounters Marley's Ghost (Peter Eberhardt) in the Unicorn Theatre staging of 'A Christmas Carol.'

Multiple roles

In this adaptation of the play most of the actors take on multiple roles as does Peter Eberhardt who plays Marley's Ghost, Old Fezziwig, and one of the three Scavengers in the final scenes. His excellent performance is proof of the fact that he enjoys all of his parts as much as we enjoy him.

Skip Kadish does an admirable job in performing altogether different roles: one as the browbeaten Bob Crachit, another as Mr. Smikes, another as the Fiddler, and in the final scenes one of the two Business Men.

Jody Gilmore picks up multiple parts, and obviously has a great time playing the Nephew, Young Scrooge, and Businessman Two.

Susan Forest after first appearing as a rather glorious Ghost of Christmas Past, shows up in the final scenes as one of the two very unglamorous gin-slugging female Scavengers.

Other performers, cast in multiple roles, both adult and children, and doing a great job in all of them, were Joan Swartz, Jennifer Paduan, Kethryn Kinser (who took three roles), Tyler Johnson, Sissarie Sherry and Rhett Wheeler. When you watch the play, you are unaware of the multiple-part casting which is another credit to director Cary Crockett and of course to costume designer, Margaret Voss .

And, from the alumni of the Unicorn players, who better to take on the role of the robust Ghost of Christmas Present than Rob Foster. He is a perfect Victorian Father Christmas.

The best known, or at least the most quoted of all the characters of "Carol" is Tiny Tim played convincingly by tiny Rachael Walker.

One of the most gracious of gestures in an intimate setting like the Hoffman Playhouse is for the actors to take their final bows while still in costume in the lobby as we find our way out. It gives us a chance to say, "Thank you for your performance and a delightful evening at the theatre."

And of course, as Tiny Tim would say, "God bles' everyone!"

■ *Patrick Whitehurst is the 'Ireland' editor of the online magazine 'Fine Travel,' who has also been a U.S. Navy pilot, building contractor, restaurateur and writer. He remains involved in a 25-year love affair with Carmel.*

THEATER CALENDAR

Agnes of God

The Robert Louis Stevenson Players present "Agnes of God," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Church in the Forest on the RLS campus, Pebble Beach. Admission charged. **625-8338.**

A Christmas Carol

The Carmel High School Drama Department stages this holiday classic Dec. 12-14. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in Padre Theatre Room 2 on the CHS campus, Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue, Carmel.

Student tickets are $5 or two for $8. Adults are $7.

A Christmas Carol

For the ninth year Robert Colter tackles the role of Ebenezer Scrooge in the **Unicorn Theatre** staging of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." *(Reviewed on this page.)*

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays until Dec. 21. There will also be matinees at 3 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 14 and 21. The final performance is 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Tickets: $12/general; $10 students and seniors and $8 children under 12. Group discounts available.

Setting is the Hoffman Playhouse, 320 Hoffman at Lighthouse, Monterey. **649-0259.**

A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking

This comedy focuses on the unlikely friendship between two very different women who wrestle with each other's individual outlooks on life and tackle their errant husbands. Elsa Con directs the production for MagiCircle Theatre. The cast features Suzie Commins and Jill Jackson.

Final performances of "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking" play at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12-14, at the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Guadalupe and Fourth, Carmel. Tickets are $12 general; $10 for students and seniors. **659-8244.**

The Cradle Song

The Staff Players Repertory Company brings to life this drama by Gregorio and Maria Martinez Sierra. "The Cradle Song" tells of a cloistered order of Dominican nuns in a small Spanish village, which is irreparably changed with the arrival on "the wheel" of a newborn child. Marcia Gambrell Hovick directs.

The cast includes Penny Vieregge, Neva Hahns, Roo Hornady, Susan Keenan, Judy Share, Marlie Avant, Kim Harris, Jennifer McDaniel, Sierra Hampton-Eng, Meredith Sherwin, Philip Pearce and Erik Petersen.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 20 at the Indoor Forest Theater, Mountain View and Santa Rita, Carmel. Tickets are $12, $9 for students and seniors. Reservations: **624-1531.**

Idiot's Delight

Robert E. Sherwood's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy with music plays in the Main Stage Theatre at Monterey Peninsula College. *(Reviewed on this page).*

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 21.

Admission is $15 general, $11 students and seniors and $7 children 12 and younger. For reservations, call 646-4213 between 4 and 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

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The Troupers of the Gold Coast stage this, their 534th production since June of 1937, at California's First Theatre, Scott and Pacific, Monterey. Each year The Troupers put together the best of the previous year's Olios, and give the audience an opportunity for plenty of "booing and hissing."

The annual Olio Revue plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through January, including New Year's Eve. There is no show Christmas weekend. **375-4916.**

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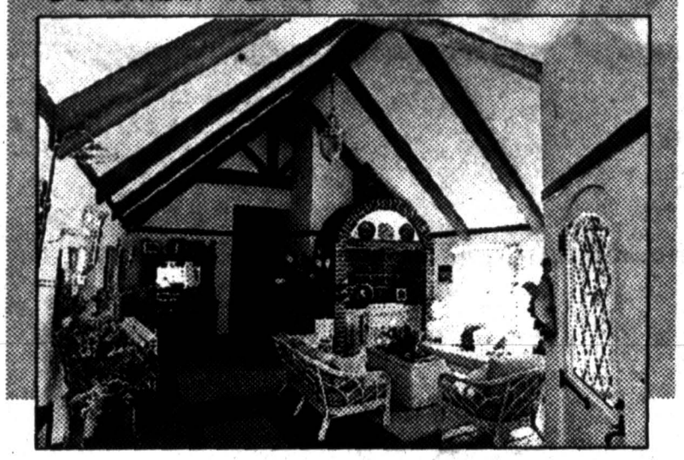

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CASANOVA ST: $366,000
Wells Fargo Bank to Chris R & Cindy W Sedan

CARMEL- SOUTH COAST

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CARMEL VALLEY

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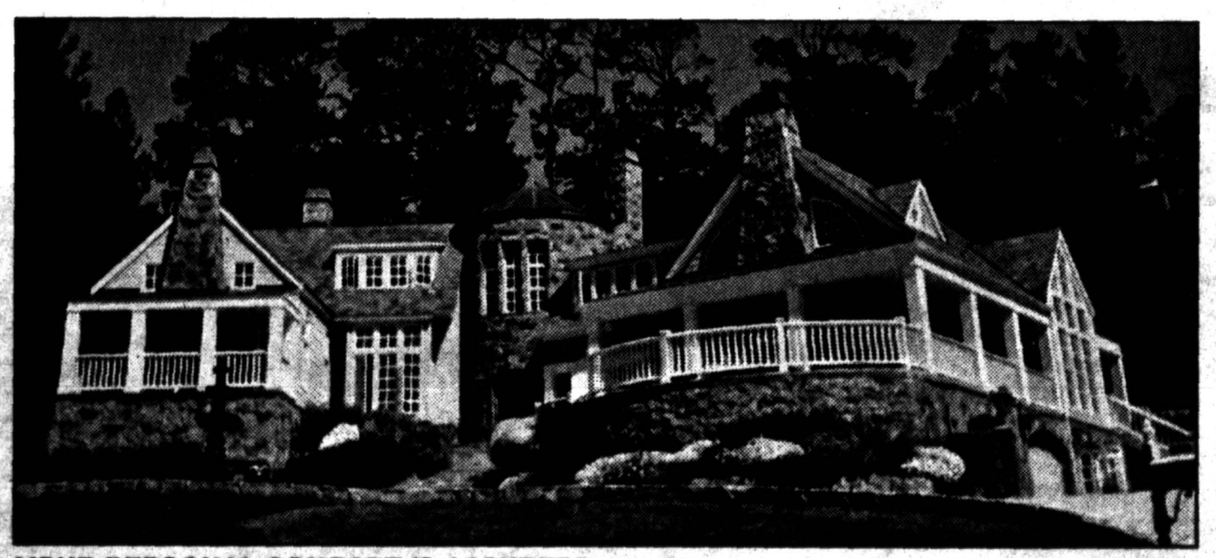

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Tidy Gardens or Benign Neglect?

By GARY GIRARD
Member of the
Carmel Beach and Forestry Commission

With a title like that, you might be expecting a slanted article on perfection, but being the contrarian that I am, sometimes benign neglect can look very refreshing in a community driven by property values.

In fact, if you're a seasoned Carmel person, history paints a simpler picture of how individual gardens happened then. Those old gardens were often just the pine needles that dropped between the manzanitas, or a coffee can on the porch with a happy red geranium.

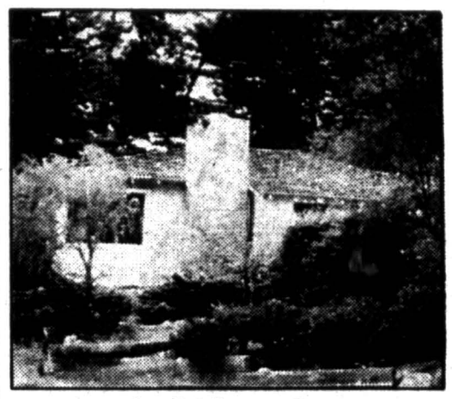
It is now a romantic notion in our busy minds of how it used to be, but times change and sophistication slips in on us. Sophistication has several meanings, but one obscure definition is the absence of nature.

Several years ago, I was asked to design a garden in a spot that I remembered for its old tangled growth and mysteriousness that only time can bring to a garden, and yes, it was neglected. I tried to be gentle with this almost spiritual feeling of the landscape, but lost it in my effort to clean up before creating the new landscape.

The completed garden took several months to develop, and when it was completed, it was new and fresh in a negative sort of way. The earlier essence was long gone and in its place was an adolescent waiting desperately for maturity.

I receive a number of landscape trade magazines and their pictures pridefully show just-finished, immature gardens with dots of color along the edge of a newly-sodded lawn with otherjustplanted shrubs in a gawky posture. All freshly mulched like the garden was just shipped from the County Fair. If a person could add time as a quality in designing a garden, it would surely be included.

So the title of this piece is really just a subjective judgement and another dance around the old idea of what is beautiful. But beautiful doesn't have to be a consensus of opinion anymore than it has to follow obvious standards that lead to thoughtless boredom. A well-designed garden that becomes old and shows some neglect can be considered natural in a refreshingly laid-back way. It might even be considered real.



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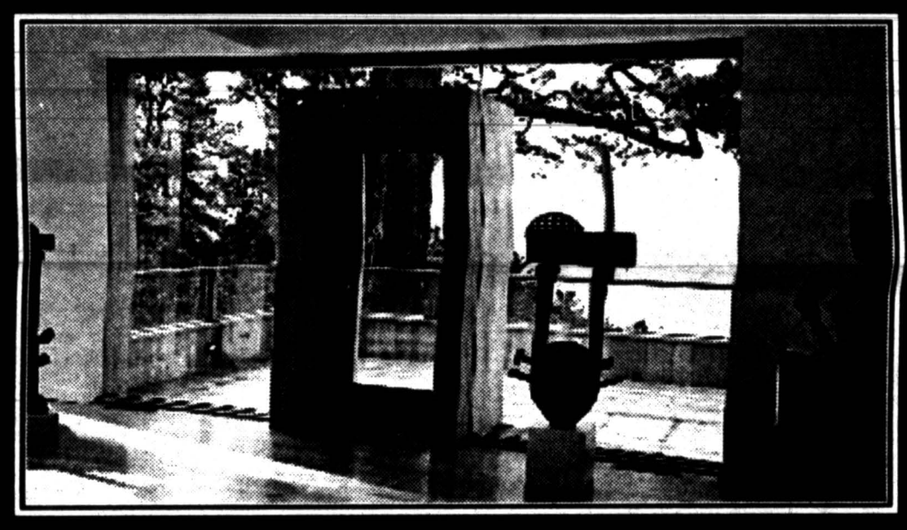

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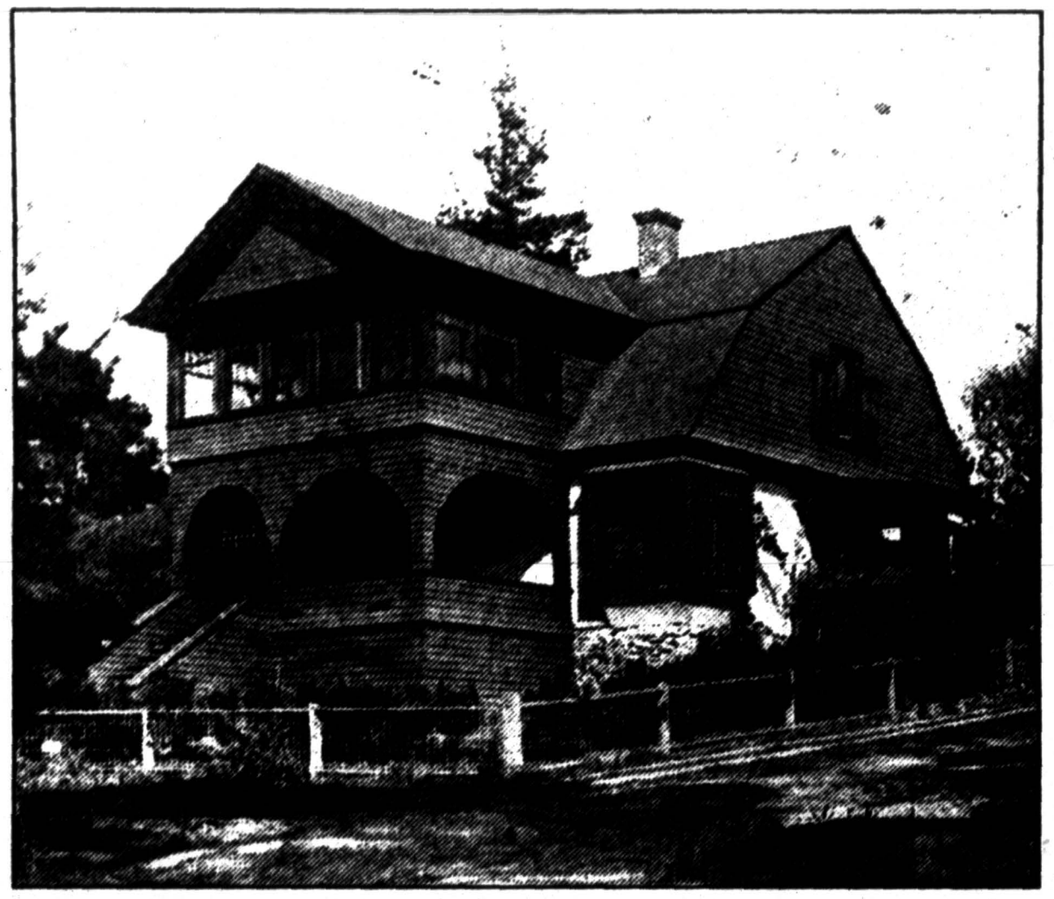

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Appeals Court nixes special assessment district for homes with views of the Pacific

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CITY of Port Hueneme — located in Ventura County about 40 miles West of Los Angeles — had for many years paid to develop, improve and maintain its impressive and well-used beach park with money from its general fund.

But in 1991, the city came up with a unique way to help pay for maintenance of its beach park, and for lifeguards and other beach services. Port Hueneme proposed to create an assessment district to raise about $150,000 each year — a district that would assess only those homeowners who lived within "seven minutes walking distance" of the beach.

Each of these 1,252 residences would be taxed from $66 to $184 dollars per year — the amount to be determined based on how good each property's view of the ocean was, and how close the property was to the beach.

All commercial and industrial properties were exempted, as were numerous homes just outside the "seven minute" limit.

According to the court, as soon as the tax was approved nearly one-third of the assessed homeowners submitted written protests against formation of the district.

But the Port Hueneme City Council overruled the protests and put the assessment into effect in 1992.

The homeowners then took the city to court, claiming that the "ocean view" assessment district was an illegal special tax because, the homeowners contended, the people paying the tax received no special benefit from it.

Everybody benefitted from being able to use the beach park, the affected homeowners argued, so everybody should pay for it.

A Ventura County Superior Court judge ruled in favor of the homeowners in 1995, and the city promptly abandoned the district — but only temporarily, the city apparently hoped, since it appealed the trial court's decision to the California Court of Appeal's Second District.

Last month, the appeals court also ruled against the City of Port Hueneme, effectively killing the "ocean view" assessment district.

In its ruling, the court explained that "special assessments are charges imposed on owners of particular parcels of real property to provide specific, direct and special benefits to the properties in proportion to the benefits derived, beyond those enjoyed by the general public."

In this case, the court found that the assessed properties received only an indirect benefit from beach maintenance, lifeguards and administrative services. And, the court said, there is hardly any connection between having a good ocean view and proper beach maintenance.

Furthermore, the city's own studies showed that "the beach was used primarily by people who live outside the assessment district." Nevertheless, the court said, "the city levied its special tax only against certain properties on one side of the park — primarily those with views. Many properties of similar proximity, access to the beach and size were not taxed simply because they lacked a view of the beach."

The final nail that sealed the coffin of the special beach tax was the court's opinion that the city's action was "arbitrary and discriminatory."

Local governments may choose to fund a public improvement either from general tax revenues or from special assessments "if specific, special direct benefits accrue to the properties in proportion to the amounts assessed," the court said.

But the method used by Port Hueneme violated the California Constitution and state laws, the court said, and it ordered Port Hueneme to refund to property owners the amount they had been required to pay during the three years that the illegal special tax was in place.

The city will have to go back to its original method of paying for beach maintenance and improvements — from the city's general fund — or it will have to ask the city's voters to approve a special, city-wide tax to take care of the town's beach.

But that would require approval from two-thirds of the city's voters, a threshold which, many cities have learned, is very difficult to cross.

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Complete text of resolution endorsing Pebble Beach Company's development plans

Last month, on a 10 - 1 vote, the Del Monte Forest Property Owners board of directors approved a resolution endorsing the Pebble Beach Company's revised plans for 316 new homes, a new golf course, and a relocated equestrian center in Del Monte Forest. The following is the complete text — finalized this week — of the resolution approved by the property owners board:

WHEREAS, this Board, in 1993, approved Pebble Beach Company's concept of limiting its residential development in Del Monte Forest to 350 lots in return for allowing construction of a new 18-hole golf course in the Pescadero Canyon area of the Forest; and

WHEREAS, this Board acknowledges the significance of findings, accepted by Pebble Beach Company, of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) that a golf course constructed in the Pescadero Canyon area would have significant environmental impacts which could not be mitigated, and that an "environmentally superior alternative" for the golf course is the area between the Peter Hay and Spyglass Hill Golf Courses (which involves the relocation of the Equestrian Center to the sawmill borrow sites and results in the reduction of lots from 350 to 316); and

WHEREAS, this Board, having personally inspected and studied the various areas proposed for the said 316-lot development and the plot plans relative thereto, concluded that in number and size the sites were appropriate and, by providing adequate screening and street setback, reflected concern for the environment and existing neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this Board, cognizant of property owners' concern respecting the adequacy of water supply to support the Pebble Beach Lot Program, has received oral assurance from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District that Pebble Beach Company's 365-acre feet of potable water entitlement, granted in exchange for its financial guarantee of the Wastewater Reclamation Project (which has succeeded in replacing annually an average of more than 700-acre feet of potable water with reclaimed water), is considered more than adequate to provide said support and is separate and distinct from Monterey County's Cal-Am water allocation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board, after fully considering the aforesaid and weighing the opinions of Forest property owners in a recent independent survey, endorses the revised Lot Program of the Pebble Beach Company, identified as Refined Alternative 2 in the FEIR, subject to implementation of the following five conditions:

1. That the DMFPO Roads and Traffic Committee, working in concert with Pebble Beach Company and Monterey County Public Works Department, prepare and present to this Board within 90 days proposals addressing:

- Traffic congestion at Highway One Gate, particularly as impacted at the access to the connector road from Highway 68 to Route 1;
- Traffic volume on Forest roads to avoid unacceptable problems during construction under the Lot Program; and
- Traffic into, on, and from the relocated Equestrian Center.

2. That this Board obtain written assurances from the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District affirming prior oral advice concerning water sufficiency for the Lot Program.

3. That Pebble Beach Company dedicate in perpetuity areas designated as open space forest, thereby precluding future development thereof.

4. That the relocated Equestrian Center be approved by Monterey County agencies and constructed by Pebble Beach Company prior to development of any portion of the new golf course that would affect the existing Equestrian center.

5. That, respecting the relocated Equestrian Center, Pebble Beach Company establish caps on the number of equestrian and parking events per year; and, further, that Pebble Beach Company assure this Board in writing that:

- the open field in the lower borrow site will be available for multipurpose use year round, except during special events; that
- water allocation for maintaining the Center and the said open field will not be diverted to other uses; and that
- the picnic shelter and adjacent unpaved parking area proposed for the lower end of the said open field will be relocated to a site more distant from the residential area.

Architects told 'bungalow' a style worth preserving

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

The humble, single-story 'bungalow' — invented to help provide housing for the middle-class — is America's "newest historic house," the American Institute of Architects Monterey Bay Chapter was told last week.

At their annual meeting in the sleek Media Room in downtown Pacific Grove, the architects were given an extensive 'tour' of typical bungalow interiors built between 1900 and 1930 by Paul Duchsherer, a design specialist from San Francisco.

The bungalow style, he said, was a "ubiquitous phenomenon" in the United States early in this century — including on the Monterey Peninsula, where, he said, several outstanding examples of original bungalow homes still exist.

With features on the outside that were typical of the "craftsman" style — such as leaving the rafter tails exposed, and the use of stone piers on porches — bungalows could be ordered straight out of catalogs like Sears or Montgomery Ward. So could virtually everything in the homes' interiors, he said.

The arts and crafts movement was a reaction to machine-made materials that had come into vogue as the industrial revolution reached maturity in the late 1800s, Duchsherer said. Bungalows, though built on modest budgets, incorporated as many of the craftsman "hand made" elements as possible.

He urged that outstanding examples of original bungalows be preserved, and also encouraged the architects to emulate the bungalow style — where appropriate — in new buildings.

The architects' group also installed their officers for the coming year, including new President Kenneth Scates, Vice President Eric Miller, and Secretary and Director of Government Relations Michael Waxer.

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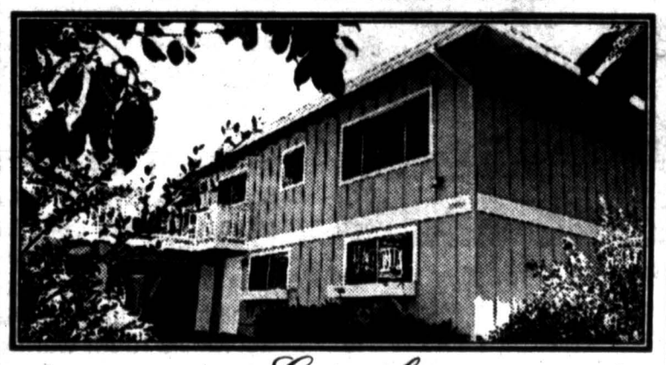

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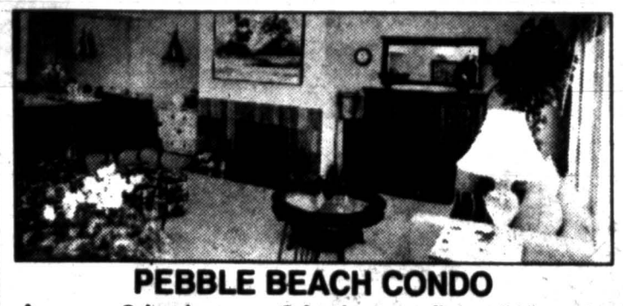

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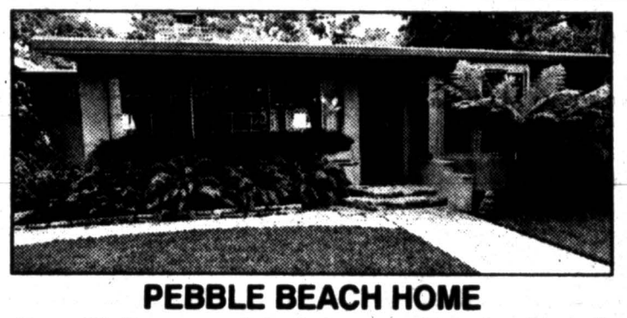

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CHARMING CARMEL HOME
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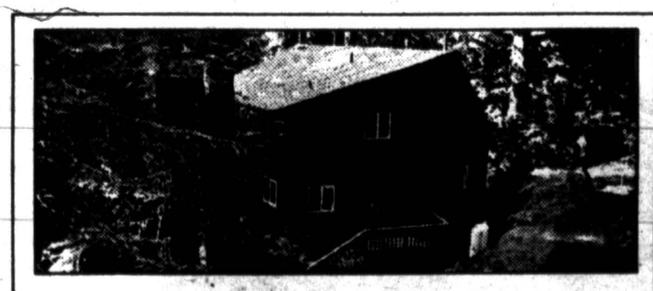

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CHANGE YOUR LIFE WITH STYLE! Discover mountain, views from this great 2 bedroom, 2-bath unit just minutes from town. There are numerous upgrades and a wealth of storage. Enjoy the days on the lovely deck or retreat to the enclosed patio on those chilly evenings. Other conveniences include a garage with opener, pool and tennis amenities. $243,000.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS! Display your talents when you remodel this 3-bedroom, 2-bath home when water is available. With almost an acre, there is room to build on a separate lot that is high on the hill, as the property is two legal lots of record. Fish Ranch Views will reward you for your efforts. $375,000.

IN CLOSE CARMEL! Just blocks to downtown Carmel! Here's an opportunity to own a single-level, easy-care one-bedroom, one-bath unit in the Pine Terrace Development. It even offers a peek of the ocean, a sunny deck, easy access to the elevator and an underground parking space. Shop and compare, no better value exists for such a well-located Carmel property. $219,000.

STYLE, ELEGANCE AND COMFORT! A perfect formula for carefree living. This spacious 2-bedroom, 1-1/2-bath designer's unit on quiet greenbelt was enlarged and remodeled to perfection using the finest finishing details. Wonderful kitchen-den combo. Truly great value at an affordable price! $279,000.

JUST BRING YOUR TOOTHBRUSH! This 2-bedroom, 1-1/2-bath cottage is tackled away on the lot to enhance the private setting. Lots of features beckon the outdoors in with front and rear patios, solarium off the master bedroom, skylight and high ceilings. There is ample room for everything with extra storage, family room, and attached garage. Immaculate and ready to go! $459,000.

OCEAN VIEWS! A perfect easy-care contemporary with Point Lobos and sea vistas. Beamed ceilings and hardwood floors in the living room and access to a view deck, 3-bedrooms & 2-baths. There's an enclosed rear patio & skylight in the kitchen. One bedroom & bath are downstairs. $495,000.

"CELTIC COTTAGE!" This charming and private home is as fresh as the Irish Spring...a remodeled home that has the original character intact. Large forested lot of over 1/4 acre on the crest of a knoll, with patios and arbors. This 3-bedroom, 2-bath home offers new appliances, refinished hardwood floors, remodeled bathrooms, and is light & bright with large casement windows. $469,000.

SALE PENDING

UNEXPECTED TREASURE! Tucked back from the street, this charming home is full of surprises. Enjoy the wood-paneled living room with fireplace & hardwood floors, and the spacious master bedroom with French door access to a private patio. Cheerfully papered dining room leads to a large kitchen. The second bedroom with fireplace is about 900 sq. ft. and has its own entry. $549,000.

LOCATION PLUS GUEST HOUSE! A Carmel English cottage with wood-paned windows and cozy fireplace. Four bedrooms, 2 baths plus a charming guest house, a legal subordinate unit with fireplace. With this perfect walk-to-town and walk-to beach location, and the guest house, this home offers many opportunities to live in one and rent the other. $695,000.

CARMEL WOODS MEDITERRANEAN! Beautifully remodeled, light & airy 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home capturing sweeping views of the ocean and forest. Elegant master suite with fireplace and Jacuzzi tub, & spacious living room with second fireplace. Plus a sunlit patio. A home tailored for today's living. Now $639,000.

NEW ON MARKET! Originally a 1929 Carmel artist studio, this property has grown into a fabulous English country home. A remodel in 1952 and 1983 have created a master suite, formal dining room, fireplace in the living room, master bedroom & family room. The original Carmel charm is still there! And, you're within walking distance to the beach & town. $1,100,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

MOTIVATED SELLER... In this 2-bedroom, 1-bath condo. You can relax and enjoy the clubhouse which offers a restaurant and pool. Enjoy walks around the well, manicured grounds which run along the berm. Nestled in a guarded community, this one-level, ground floor unit also offers greenbelt and mountain views, some updated appliances, extra storage, and lovely patio. $135,000.

SEE FOREVER! Uniquely beautiful, this rustic, yet elegant home of artistic design offers a flexible floor plan, privacy, and an easy-care acre. Gently white-washed wood interior, updated tiled baths & kitchen — a 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home decorated with sophistication & style. $350,000.

ROOM TO ROAM! Sunny private, 3-bedroom, 2-bath home on 1+ acre. Front and back yards, decks, patios, garden. Master with walk-in closet, private deck with spa. Living room with fireplace. Family room, with fireplace and sliders to fenced back yard. Open, airy, functional single-story floor plan. $450,000.

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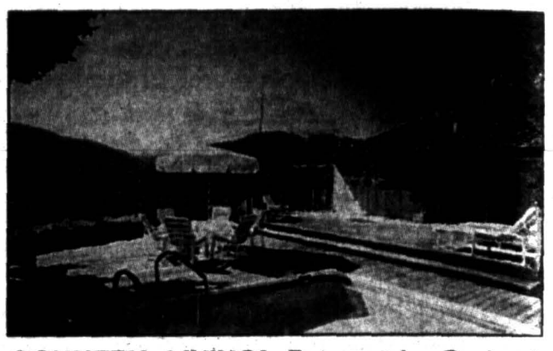
GOOD STARTER! Nice 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch-style home on a level all useable acre off a private road. A good starter home with a 2-car garage. Owner wants sale, bring any offers! (Additional one acre contiguous parcel available.) $395,000.

TAKE A HIKE... On your own mountain retreat of 13 acres with 1-bedroom, 1-bath guest house. Features vineyard, barn, and 3-car garage, living room, fireplace, breakfast barn, mountain views, decking. Plans are also available for a 2800 sq. ft. home designed by Alan Turpin. $495,000.

NEW ON MARKET! This comfortable house beckons those who want peace and privacy but the convenience of being close to mouth-of-the-valley activities. The beautifully remodeled kitchen boast all new appliances, tile counters and opens to the big family room warmed by a woodburning fireplace. A wall of windows overlooks the decking and rear gardens under the big oaks. $498,000.

FABULOUS VALLEY MANSION! Inside prestigious Sleepy Hollow subdivision, a dramatic English country Tudor home on 7 acres overlooking the mountains. Designed for comfortable living & lavish entertaining with terraces leading to a pool, spa & pool house + tennis court. Five bedrooms, 6 baths plus separate guest quarters, dance studio, & wine cellar. $2,750,000.



COUNTRY LIVING! Panoramic Garland Park views fro this lovely home with vaulted ceilings and loft. Enjoy the comforts of this 3-bedroom, 4-bath home with privacy for guests in the guest house and pool area. To discover more, call today for a private appointment. $525,000.

SCENIC SETTING! Designed by Francis Palms, this country estate has mountain and valley views from every room. The 8.8-acre site consists of a sunny oak-studded knoll adjacent to a permanent greenbelt. The 4-bedroom, 4-1/2-bath floor plan has formal living and dining rooms, recreation room, gourmet kitchen, and wine cellar. Wrap-around decks extend from the living room to the outdoor pool and spa area. $1,290,000.

A WORLD APART! Within the Quail Meadows Resort, off a private drive is this contemporary, 1-year-old estate situated on 2.58 acres. The vaulted ceilings enhance the open plan of 3 bedrooms, 4-1/2-baths, gourmet kitchen with walk-in pantry, dining area and step-down great room with built-in entertainment center. The private master suite with an inviting marble fireplace offers luxurious features. Modern appointments blended with natural materials provide an understated backdrop in which to enjoy the natural surroundings of oaks, meadows and wildlife. $1,890,000.

SOUTH COAST

VICTORINE RANCH ESTATE! Only 5 miles south of Carmel a gentle road meanders east to a plateau and you arrive at a peaceful 5+ acre world. The home is handcrafted of massive wood columns, beams, granite walls and offers 3 fireplaces, a copper roof, magnificent cabinetry and wood finishing, 4 bedrooms & 5 baths. Where the mountains reach the sea! Brochure/video. $4,500,000.

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SALE PENDING

MONTEREY

COZY COTTAGE NEAR BEACH! In a good neighborhood, surrounded by nicely remodeled homes, you'll find this one-bedroom cottage. Close to the park, baseball field, Navy School, and within an easy walk to the state beach. Freshly painted inside, live in, fix up or tear down. On a large street-to-alley lot. Probate sale. $139,500.

ATTENTION GOLFERS! A large 3-bedroom, 3-bath family home with a flexible floor plan. Located on a full acre just a short walk to Old Del Monte Golf Course, it's a golfer's delight. The wooded setting is ideally located only a few minutes from downtown Monterey. $495,000.

JUST LISTED! Beautiful home in desired and convenient Skyline area. Ocean view and night lights. Gracious master suite with fireplace, marble bath and huge deck. Kitchen and family room. Downstairs there are 3 bedrooms and bath and 3-car garage. Storage galore. Priced to sell. $695,000.

CONTEMPORARY MINI-ESTATE! Truly a rare offering, an ocean-view home in a most appealing location. This single-story home is on a gently sloping acre plus lot. The main house has 2 bedrooms, 2 full half baths, a kitchen with ocean-view breakfast area, family room/dining combo and a den. Sets of French doors open to the yard, patio & garden. And there is a skylit guest house with fireplace. Four car garage. Office exclusive. $1,199,000.

INVESTOR'S OPPORTUNITY! Great opportunity to own a home in "small town American." Charming 2-bedroom, 1-bath cottage on level lot offers a warm fireplace to ward off the chill on those "nippy" evenings. Fenced yard. close to beach, Naval Postgraduate School, recreation trail — just about everything. Zoned R-3 — great potential for expansion. $199,000.

CHARM & CHARISMA! This quality home is filled with light and charm. Downstairs has 2/1, office, living/dining room with oak floors + wood beams, breakfast bar in kitchen, cherry cabinets + Corian countertops. Upstairs is the private master suite. Large lot, great location. $335,000.

UNOBSTRUCTED BAY VIEWS! Enjoy unobstructed bay views and the night-lights from this lovely, hard-to-find, 4-bedroom, 2-bath home. Just blocks from the beach, the sparkling interior features gorgeous carpets, a wood-burning fireplace in the living room, tile baths, large windows capturing beautiful views and a 2-car garage. The 30x14 deck will make entertaining or just relaxing with family and friends a true enjoyment. Great for a family or perfect for a second home. $487,500.

PACIFIC GROVE

DESIRABLE NEIGHBORHOOD! This is your opportunity to own this easy-care, adobe planned unit development. Tidy 2-bedroom, 1-bath home with separate laundry room. Short distance to Asilomar Beach. Stroll to shops and dining in quaint Pacific Grove. Located close to town and beach. $217,000.

GOLDEN OURS! Rare oceanfront property offers an outstanding bay view from living/dining area and kitchen. This Cape Cod style home features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room fireplace, tile or carpeted floors,and a very private backyard. Discover charming simplicity, a small-town lifestyle, and ocean breezes by the bay; call today! $569,000.

BRAND NEW EVERYTHING! This duplex offers 2 separate units of 2 bedrooms, 1 bath each. Fully landscaped, each also has its own garden, private patios and garage. Quiet and convenient area. Live in one ocean-view home and let the other pay the mortgage. $439,000.

CREATIVE ENDEAVORS! Ocean views from this custom home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, redwood exterior and decks, 9 dormers, 2 skylights, bull-nose thinwall, 9 foot ceilings, 2 fireplaces, breakfast nook, separate dining room, central vacuum, custom garage door, French drain and much more. $785,000.

COUNTRY CLUB GATE CONDO! On one level, an extremely well-maintained, 3-bedroom, 2-bath condo. Large living room with formal dining area and private, spacious master bedroom with dressing area, and sunny patio off a well-planned kitchen. Finished garage. A superb unit that sells itself! $349,500.

SALE PENDING

CAPE COD DREAM! Rare, ocean-front property with white-water views in a prime area. This charming, Cape Cod home with historical status offers 3 bedrooms and one-and-a-half baths. It has two lots of record of about 6000 square feet each. There is potential for a bed-and-breakfast, small apartment, or residence. $1,290,000.

THIS ONE'S FOR ME! On a tree-lined street, with old-fashioned lights, this cottage is just waiting for someone special. the property is updated with refinished hardwood floors, new plumbing, exterior paint, new concrete driveway and much more. There's even an original Wedgewood stove in the kitchen! A marvelous 2-bedroom home in a great location. $365,000.

OFF HIGHWAY 68

PRIVATE OASIS! Like-new 4-bedroom, 2-bath home situated on a landscaped and fenced acre. Charming features of this 2-story home include a country kitchen with garden window, living room fireplace, mountain views, patio, 3+ car garage, RV/boat parking, patio and room for horses. Discover country living in this beautiful and sunny area. $375,000.

LUXURY LIVING! Enjoy the good life of golf, tennis and swimming; or just sit-back and take in the views and sunshine. This ranch-style home is nestled within an exclusive, gated neighborhood. It features private patios with a fountain, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, wet bar, separate formal dining room, living room, family room plus den, full attic, plus a new roof. Priced to sell at $350,000.

BREATHTAKING VIEWS! Through the gates, beyond the private drive, you will discover this contemporary home offering 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, an open floor plan and gorgeous mountain views. This 3000+/- sq. ft home is ideal for entertaining or for those with an active lifestyle — hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, bonus room, fireplaces in the living, family and master rooms, 3+ car garage and decks. $474,500.

WELCOME YOUR FRIENDS... In this 4-bedroom, 3-1/2 bath traditional home. Nestled in the Carmel Valley mountains, you will love the 4 decks, 3 inviting fireplaces and the gourmet kitchen. All this and more from this home resting on 3.4 acres in a gated community. $669,000.

PEBBLE BEACH

SEA VIEW CONDO! At Ocean Pines on 17 Mile Drive, a beautifully remodeled ocean-view condo. A 2-bedroom, 2-bath unit with living room with fireplace, dining area and compact kitchen. An excellent buy at $299,000.

NEW ON MARKET! A sophisticated sea & golf course-view condo with the amenities of the Inn at Spanish Bay steps away. Set amidst the beauty of this resort area finds this luxurious and spacious 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath condo showing pride of ownership. Extensive upgrades, soaring ceilings, and large windows inviting gorgeous scenes inside. $1,690,000.

NEW ON MARKET! On 1.46 acre in one of Pebble's most desirable nd private locations, this property offers spectacular ocean and Point Lobos views. With 3 bedrooms and a separate guest house, this well-built older home offers enormous potential. The best ocean-view property for the money in Pebble Beach. $2,595,000.

"WEBB SITE!" Just listed, a warm and inviting home with sheltered veranda in a secluded setting just one block to MPCC's clubhouse. A gracious 4-bedroom, 2-bath home with bright & cheerful rooms, vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen, and master suite with corner fireplace. Generous dining room with glass doors to extensive decking. Fully fenced lot with circular drive. $469,000.

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Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2225
$765,000	**3 bd 3 ba**	**Su 1:30-3:30**
2981 Franciscan Way		Carmel
Carmel Realty		624-6482
$869,000	**3 bd 2.5 ba**	**Sa 1-4**
24000 Fairfield		Carmel
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$900,000	**3 bd 2 ba**	**Su 1-4**
520 Loma Alta		Carmel
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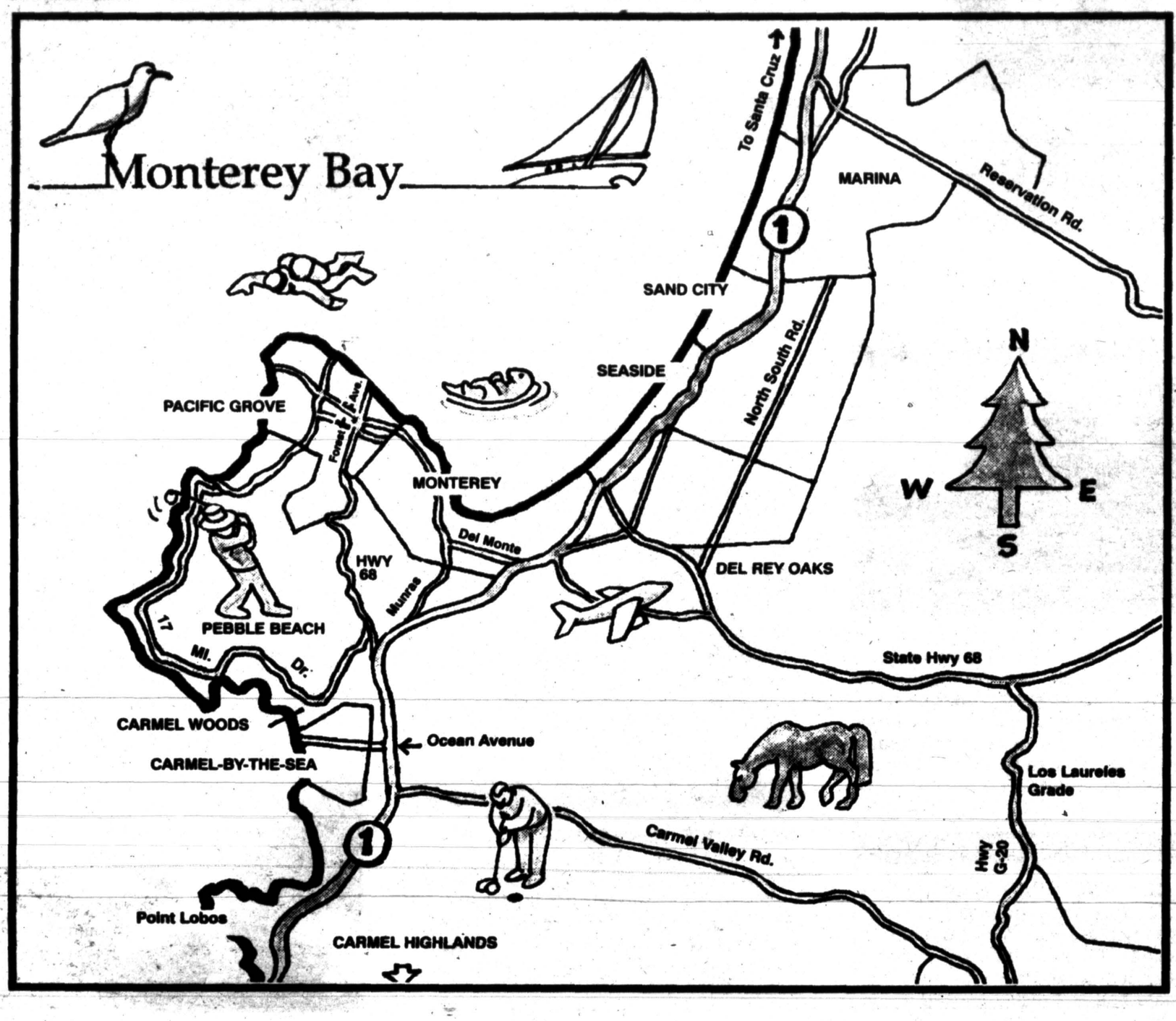

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119 Hacienda Carmel		Carmel Valley
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$269,000	**1 bd 1 ba**	**Su 1-3**
27651 Schulte Road		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$299,000	**3 bd 3 ba**	**Su 2-4**
18 Marquard Road		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
$315,000	**6 bd 3 ba**	**Su 1-3**
13 Paso Hondo		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
$350,000	**3 bd 3 ba**	**Su 2-4**
117 El Hemmorro		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$449,000	**3 bd 3 ba**	**Su 1-3**
19 Paso Cresta		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$495,000	**3 bd 2 ba**	**Sa 12-2**
4325 Canada Court		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$498,000	**3 bd 2 ba**	**Sa 2-4**
25450 Tierra Grande Drive		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$645,000		**Su 12-3**
31430 Via Las Rosas		Carmel Valley
Fouratt-Simmons		624-3829
$649,000	**4 bd 3.5 ba**	**Sa 2:30-4:30**
6170 Brookdale Drive		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$795,000	**4 bd 2 ba**	**Sa, Su 1-4**
10 Sleepy Hollow		Carmel Valley
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$1,285,000	**4 bd 3.5 ba**	**Sa 2:30-4:30**
27181 Prado Del Sol		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,290,000	**4 bd 4 ba**	**Su 1-3**
18 Sleepy Hollow Drive		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		625-3300
$1,399,000	**4 bd 3.5 ba**	**Sa,Su 1-4**
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$239,500	**2 bd 2 ba**	**Sa, Su 1-3:30**
#10 Shepherd's Knoll		Pebble
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$450,000	**3 bd 2 ba**	**Su 1-3**
1110 Mission		Pebble
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$539,000	**3 bd 3 ba**	**Sa, Su 1-4**
2994 Colton Road		Pebble
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$549,000	**3 bd 2.5 ba**	**Sa, Su 2-4**
3008 Stevenson		Pebble
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$625,000	**3 bd 2 ba**	**Su 2-4**
1043 Sombrero Road		Pebble
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
$700,000	**3 bd 3 ba**	**Sa, Su 1-4**
1054 Marcheta Lane		Pebble
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$745,000	**2 bd 2.5 ba**	**Su 1-3**
3093 Hacienda Drive		Pebble
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$1,690,000	**3 bd 2.5 ba**	**Sa 2-4**
71 Spanish Bay Circle		Pebble
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2225
$3,295,000	**5 bd 5.5 ba**	**Sa, Su 2-4**
3220 Macomber		Pebble
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223

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$464,000	**3 bd 2.5 ba**	**Sa 1-4**
9 Sonoma Lane		Cmnl
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$629,000	**3 bd 2 ba**	**Su 2-4**
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Mitchell Group		624-0136
$769,000	**3 bd 4 ba**	**Su 11-1**
67 Yankee Point Drive		Cmnl
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

MTY/SALINAS HWY

$685,000	**4 bd 3 ba**	**Su 1-4**
10741 El Camino Nuevo		Mtry/Slns
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,295,000	**4 bd 4 ba**	**Sa, Su 1-4**
11971 Saddle Road		Mtry/Slns
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$439,000	**duplex**	**Sa 2-4**
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Coldwell Banker Del Monte		624-1200
$485,000	**2 bd 2 ba**	**Su 2-4**
668 Spazier Avenue		Pacific Grove
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$569,000	**2 bd 2 ba**	**Sa, Su 2-4**
715 Oceanview Blvd.		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		624-1200
$795,000	**4 bd 3.5 ba**	**Sa 1:30-3:30**
1033 Bayview		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		648-3000

MONTEREY

$289,000	**3 bd 1 ba**	**Su 1-3**
738 Archer Street		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2225
$293,900	**3 bd 2 ba**	**Sa 1-3**
609 Lily Street		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$355,000	**2 bd 2.5 ba**	**Sa 1-4**
#9 Mountain Shadows Lane		Monterey
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$399,000	**2 bd 2.5 ba**	**Su 1-3**
898 Madison Street		Monterey
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$449,500	**5 bd 3 ba**	**Su 11:30-1:30**
3 Greenwood Way		Monterey
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1199 Irving Avenue		Monterey
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$725,000	**4 bd 3.5 ba**	**Su 10-12**
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$795,000	**4 bd 3.5 ba**	**Su 10-12**
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POLICE LOG

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Found to be a modem programming error.

Carmel Valley: Near the community center in Carmel Valley, a female turned in property that she had found near there.

Carmel Valley: A 15-year-old Toyon Road juvenile ran away from home.

Carmel Valley: Person calls to report four annoying phone calls.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Domestic disturbance reported on Dolores. Sheriff advised the female half drove to the station. Sheriff responded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female resident reported to be walking in the street nude. On arrival, officers found clothing in the street on 6th Avenue. Officers located woman in her house in the upstairs bathroom. Officer spoke with her at length. Although eccentric and somewhat 'off the wall' she was cohesive and found not to be a danger to herself or others. At this time she said she was going to bed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Received a report from a neighbor that a woman left her residence on 6th Avenue. Officer contacted her. She advised she was going to the Highlands Inn. However while en route she decided to go to the Carmel Monastery. She advised that she is well known there and they will let her stay the night.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Mercedes stolen approx. six weeks ago in Carmel recovered in Hammond, Indiana. Hood ornament missing, damage to one quarter panel, personalized plates still on vehicle. Owner will contact insurance company to arrange for vehicle disposition.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officer talked to a large group of preschool children and their mother about traffic safety while crossing the street.

Carmel area: A Monte Verde resident was awakened by a loud noise she thought had come from inside; area checked and nothing suspicious was found.

Carmel area: Dolores Street resident told the sheriff her sister in New York was having domestic disputes with her boyfriend and had called and asked her for help.

Carmel Valley: A resident was discovered to be driving under the influence and in possession of marijuana. Arrested.

Carmel Valley: An alarm was going off on Marquard; the front door of the house was open. The house was cleared after speaking to the responsible party.

Carmel Valley: Fire department put out a fire structure on 282 El Caminito on 11/23/97. Resident from the structure still has not been found, although the fire department says resident was not in the house when it burned down.

Pebble Beach: Sloat Road resident told the sheriff she had paid a handyman for a glass door that he told her he had ordered. Glass door never received or installed. Handyman contacted; he agreed to return the money.

Pebble Beach: Bristol Lane woman reports her husband not showing up for his doctor's appointment. She says he gets confused sometimes and loses his way. The last time he was missing, he was found in Alameda, Calif.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident on Casanova reports hearing loud thumping noises in her house. Possible problem with furnace.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Merchant had a dispute with a Japanese tourist who bought a phone from him. The dispute over the price could be attributed to a language barrier. The item was purchased and taken by the tourist.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of unconscious female at Santa Fe & Ocean. Carmel Fire/ambulance responded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of burglary-in-progress from woman on Scenic near Ocean who heard glass breaking and saw lights go off in the house behind. A broken window was found on the south side and a perimeter was set up. Two officers made entry and found a woman in the bathtub. Her identity was confirmed as well as her rental of the home through a large real estate agency. No others were inside. She stated she had given her key to her housekeeper who did not leave it at the house. She broke the window to gain entry.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil dispute between two parties — one claiming that the other owes him money, and the other stating that the first party owes her money. Both advised this is a civil matter and should be mediated.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Complaint from resident on Dolores that he had a contract with another person to perform plumbing and heating work. Allegation is that other person failed to perform work and may have removed materials from the job site. Resident advised to contact his attorney to initiate civil proceedings.

Carmel area: In Big Sur a woman who sleeps in a mobile home was reportedly making trouble at a local inn by refusing to leave. After making repairs to her vehicle she was able to move.

Carmel area: A security employee near a Highlands inn reported a suspicious person. Sheriff discovered subject standing in the middle of the road mumbling to herself. Subject placed under observation.

Carmel area: A Cypress Way resident in the Highlands reported hearing a motorcycle in the area known as the "top of the world" above his home. He felt it could be a potential fire hazard.

Carmel Valley: A Carmel Valley transient reports a Carmel Valley business couple failed to pay her for a week's worth of work. She says they wanted to pay her "under the table" and not legitimately through business payroll. Woman demanded she be paid through the W-4 she filled out and wanted a receipt.

Carmel Valley: A Carmel Valley shop-keeper reported that his store had been burglarized. Investigation revealed two local youths.

Carmel Valley: Paso Cresta resident came out to her unlocked car and found her wallet had been stolen.

Pebble Beach: Majella Road resident reported the theft of a roto-tiller and some power tools.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a fight in front of restaurant on Dolores. Upon arrival subjects were gone.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a vehicle in the area of Lincoln and 11th possibly throwing firecrackers. Unable to locate.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Request for welfare check on woman on Lincoln who recently had eye surgery and who was not answering her phone. Woman was not home and a note was left requesting she call her sister.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported that her son-in-law is committing bigamy and is living in San Francisco area. She was advised to contact authorities there.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to area of Mission and 7th on a report of a man walking down the street smoking marijuana. Unable to locate.

Carmel area: On Taylor Street woman heard what she believed was prowlers. It turned out to be her neighbor loading items onto his truck.

Carmel area: A vehicle check was conducted at a local gas station and the driver and the passenger were found to be in possession of a large amount of narcotics and counterfeit US currency.

Carmel area: Carmel Highlands Fire Department reported that someone has been using their storage shed to sleep in.

Carmel area: Local gas station reports that someone pumped $14.46 into an unknown type of vehicle, then fled.

Carmel Valley: Tierra Grande resident reports that her French doors had been tampered with from the inside.

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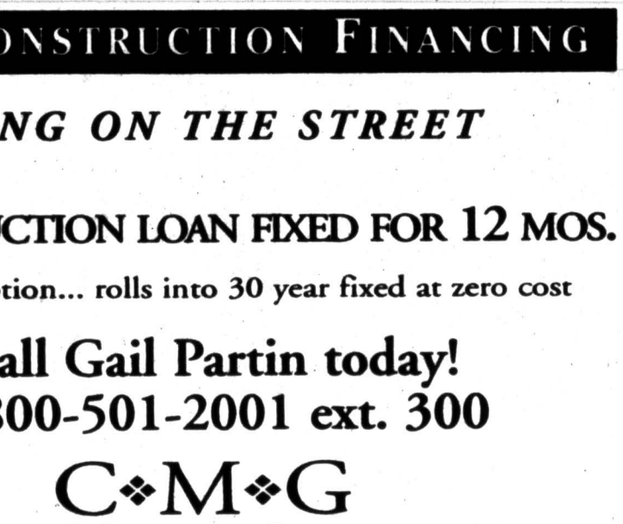

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POLICE LOG

From page 9C

Carmel Valley: Transient reports a man on Paso Hondo staring at her on two different occasions. Transient reports that she has had negative contact with the man in the past and feels he could be dangerous. She is in the process of getting a restraining order against him.

Carmel Valley: Marquard resident said she heard knocking on the side of her home. Nothing suspicious found.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dog was barking on Casanova. Owner was across the street yelling for the dog to stop. Officer advised him and he put the dog inside his house.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two parties arguing on 8th about common driveway used. They were advised to mediate the situation with the property manager.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Windows on nine vehicles and residences broken after being hit overnight with some type of pellet gun.

Carmel area: Palo Colorado Canyon resident reports losing a large quantity of Valium pills.

Carmel Valley: Marquard resident hears noises around her house. Nothing suspicious found.

Pebble Beach: Spyglass and Stevenson: Person reports that a hole had been shot through a window of the pro shop with a pellet or BB gun.

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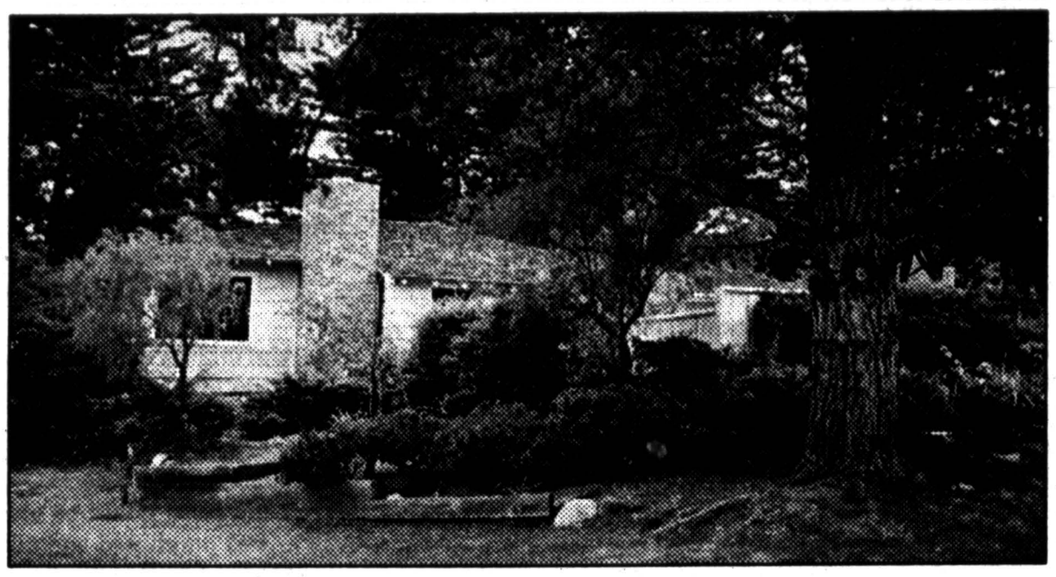

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LETTERS

From page 10C

founders of Carmel-By-The-Sea; that is, "to favor the general interest over the special interest in order to give durability to the Carmel experience."

After reading "Hydorn: Send freeway money north," I submit that Marshall Hydorn, a Carmel City Council member, has violated this tenet by his actions with regard to the Hatton Canyon Parkway (HCP); specifically, Hydorn's calling upon City Administrator Kersnar to write a resolution calling for the transfer of funds marked for the HCP to go towards "quick-fix" projects in north Monterey County. And if approved by the City Council on December 9, Hydorn's vow to force a vote at the January 28th TAMC meeting. Any Carmelite who supports the idea of general interest over special interest has to ask himself/herself the following questions:

1. Given the city's limited resources, is the expenditure of the city administrator's time and energy justified in writing a resolution for the transfer of county funds?

2. Do the "powers and responsibilities" of a Carmel City Council member include advocating the transfer of appropriated funds for the HCP to "quick-fix projects" in north Monterey County, a region beyond Carmel's "sphere of influence?"

3. Is Hydorn representing a "special interest," i.e., opponent of the HCP, as a Carmel City Council member and thus representative to TAMC, and not, as is consistent with the oath of office of a City Council member, the "general interest?"

4. With TAMC's transportation planning supervisor stating that the state has quick-fix projects "designed, funded and slated for construction by the year 2001" for north county, and Hydorn, with his call for all or part of the $43 million marked for the HCP to be transferred to north county "quick-fix" projects, is Hydorn attempting to invalidate the deliberative processes of state and county transportation entities?

In a republican form of government, the public must hold public officeholders accountable; that is, public officeholders must honor their oaths of office, must not exceed their "duties and powers" and must strive to represent the "general interest."

L.A. Paterson, *Carmel*

How much sewage?

Dear Editor:

Thanks for covering the issue of the Highlands Inn converting to time share units. We Highlands residents were indeed gratified by the small victory of the Board of Supervisors decision to require an Environmental Impact Report. I'd like to point out however that writer Kirstie Wilde's observation that the sewage smell was not present the day she visited the site and her mention of the sewage system upgrade by the Inn might lead some people to believe that the problem is solved. It should be noted that none of us ever claimed the smell was constant. Incidentally we were chided at a community meeting earlier this year by a representative of the Inn that we should be grateful for the upgrade and that they were surprised none of us had thanked them since it stinks far less often since they did the work+

That is absolutely true and I'm aware that some proponents of the project would characterize Highlands residents as spoiled complainers. However, one of the serious questions this project raises for all Monterey County residents is: How much stinking sewage flowing into our marine sanctuary is an acceptable amount?

Marilyn Ross, *Carmel Highlands*

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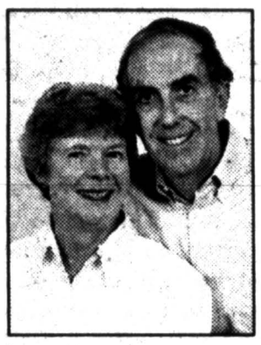
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Goat story would 'turn milk sour'

Dear Editor:

Stephen Bloch's article on the Cox's dairy was comparable to an article in The Enquirer, full of exaggerations and blatant untruths. The Coxes are portrayed as victims, when they are actually scofflaws and have been for many years. Don't take our word for it, look at the county records as the Monterey County Planning, Building & Zoning Departments, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and Judge Silver did. The Coxes thought they could sneak by with their illegal activities that greatly impact their neighbors without benefit of proper permits and by playing on sympathy and lies. Put your violins away and don't let the wool be pulled over your eyes.

There is no question that they are allowed to have a goat farm, and there is no question that they were given an agricultural exemption to build a 480 sq. ft milking barn in 1987 with the conditions that it would have no electricity, no water hookups or be used for commercial use. Give them an inch and they take 10 miles. They were not, should not and will not be permitted to operate a noisy commercial cheese-making dairy operation on 11 mostly unusable acres; there is a, 40-acre minimum for such a use.

Adjoining neighbors should not be expected to tolerate such an invasion. This is not an operation that has been going on for years and years, it has been going on since the early 1990s, and the neighbors have indeed been complaining to the county for relief the entire time. The support the Coxes have received for their dairy operation does not come from real neighbors, but from people claiming to be "neighbors" who live as far away as Salinas. Why weren't the adjoining neighbors asked to comment for the article?

For years the Coxes chose to ignore building violation notices and the need for a use permit, as well as rulings ordering them to cease operation.

As opposed to the "technical mistakes" that they claim were made, they simply would not take no for an answer and proceeded to build more buildings, without permits, and commence their dairy operation, without permits.

Now they bleat on that they really believed their agricultural exemption to carry on with a full-blown commercial dairy operation, and that their license from the State of California to operate such a dairy allowed them to bypass the regulations of Monterey County. What an insult to one's intelligence.

The Coxes are certainly persistent, but their integrity and the integrity of The Carmel Pine Cone for printing such as biased, poorly-researched article would turn milk sour.

Greg & Mary Martin
Gip & Cathleen Tegtmeier
Carmel Valley

Moved by obituary

Dear Editor:

Having just received a copy of the obituary or Helen G. Schull a long time Carmel resident, I am moved to write a tribute to this exemplary woman who, besides serving on the board of the Carmel Foundation for many years, also served as its President during the involved period of building the three large new buildings of the Carmel Foundation. Her excellent education, as well as her life experiences including real estate eased the way to many needed solutions.

Her final gift, in the early 80's as her vision failed, was to suggest that the Foundation develop a support group for members with low vision, which group continues to this day.

I know these things because I served as the Executive Director of the Carmel Foundation from 1974-1986.

Betty Plank, *Vancouver, Wa.*

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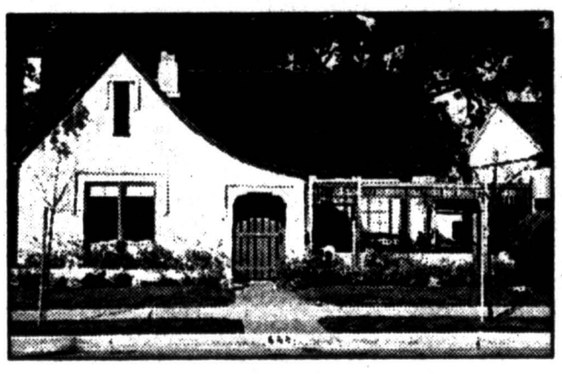

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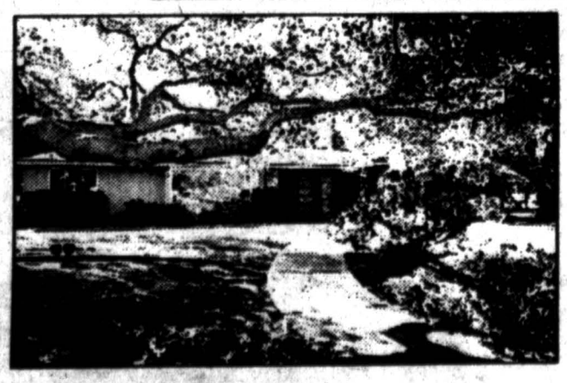

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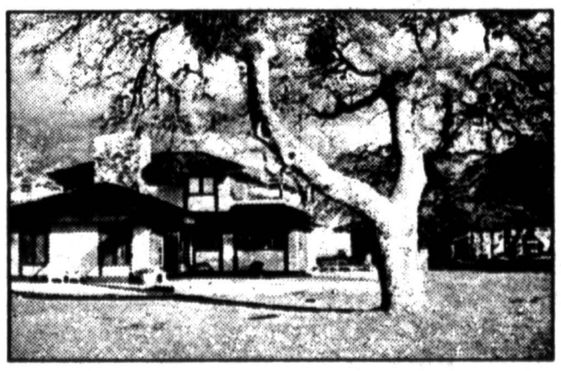

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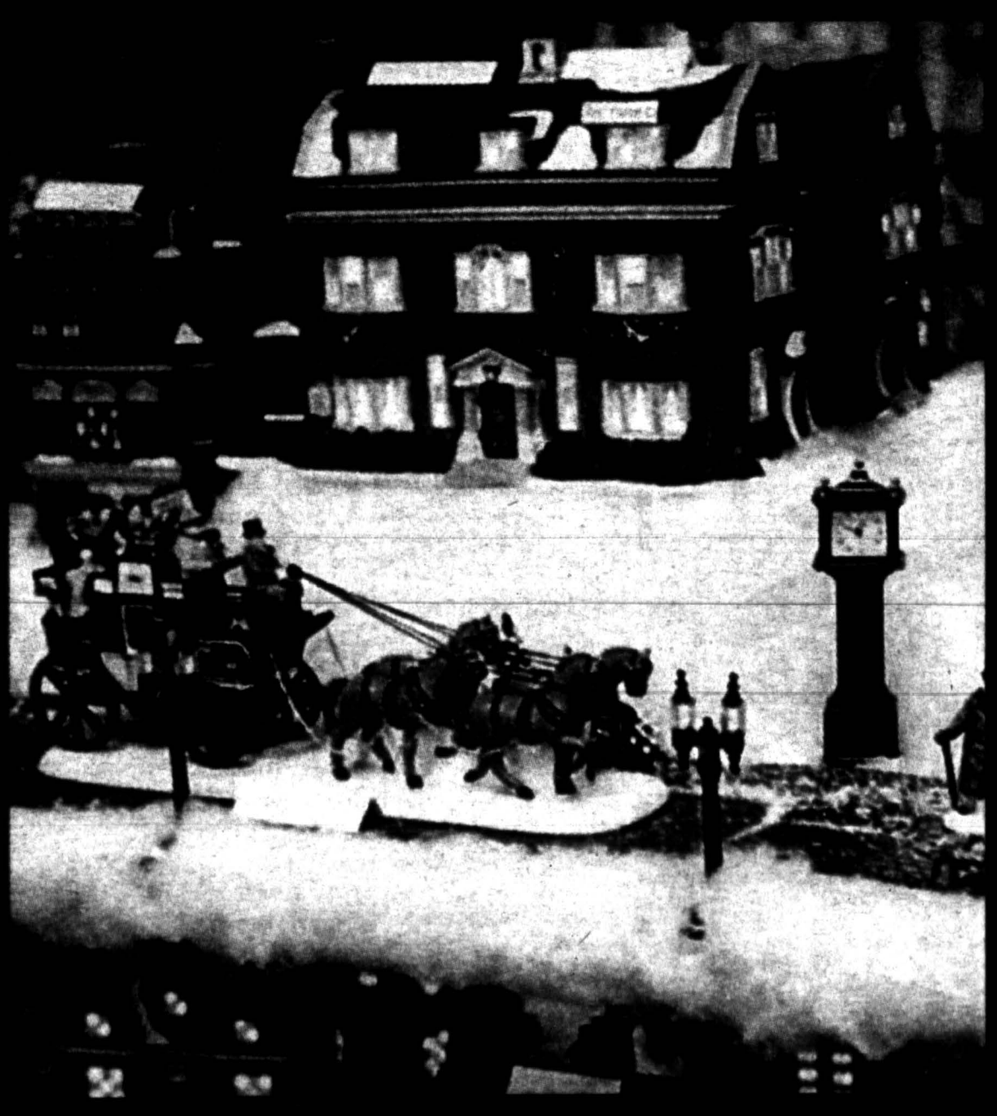

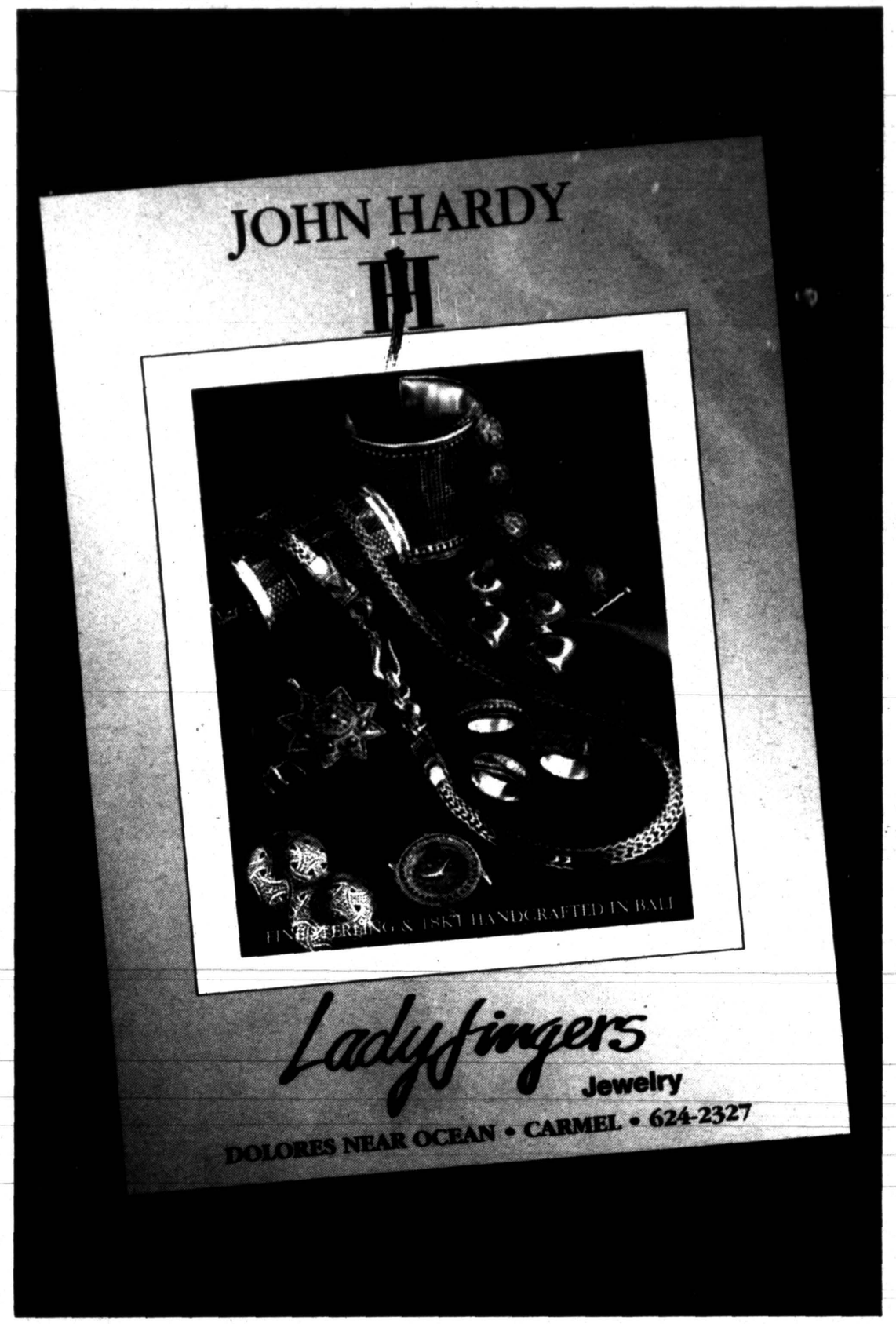

What's up, you ask?

Guide to Peninsula holiday happenings

THERE'S NO longer any need to journey to a city to discover a wealth of holiday celebrations. The Monterey Peninsula is alive with festive fun, whether your tastes run to classical concerts or the kids need a spot to cavort in the snow. This time of year, our communities radiate holiday cheer and the calendar is chock-full.

Theater

"A Christmas Carol." Robert Colter portrays Ebenezer Scrooge for the ninth year at Unicorn Theatre, 320 Hoffman (at Lighthouse), Monterey. Carey Crockett directs. Curtain is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays. Final show is 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23. Matinees at 3 p.m. also Dec. 14 and 21. Tickets: $12/$8. **649-0259.**

The Carmel High School Drama Department stages "A Christmas Carol" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12-14. Setting is Padre Theater Room 2 on the Carmel High campus, Highway 1 at Ocean Avenue, Carmel. Tickets: $7/adults, $5/students or two for $8.

"The Cradle Song" is the story of a cloistered order of Dominican nuns in a small Spanish village who are startled to receive a most unusual gift — a woman of the streets leaves her newborn baby girl, with a plea to the prioress that they raise the child in the convent.

The Staff Players Repertory Company stages "The Cradle Song" at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 20 at the Indoor Forest Theater, Mountain View at Santa Rita, Carmel.

Tickets: $12/general; $9 students and seniors. **624-1531.**

The Nutcracker

International Ballet Academy Monterey Bay under the auspices of International Ballet Theater Institute Monterey Bay, choreography and direction by Alexei Badrak. The ballet will be staged at the Pacific Grove Middle School Theater at 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13-14, at the Pacific Grove Middle School Theatre, Forest at Sinex, Pacific Grove.

Tickets: $10/adults; $5/seniors and children. Order at Bay Books and Bookmark. **658-0806.**

Ballet Fantasque will draw stars from the Oakland and Ohio ballets for its "Nutcracker," presented 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20-21. Setting is King Hall at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey. There will be intermission champagne and refreshments.

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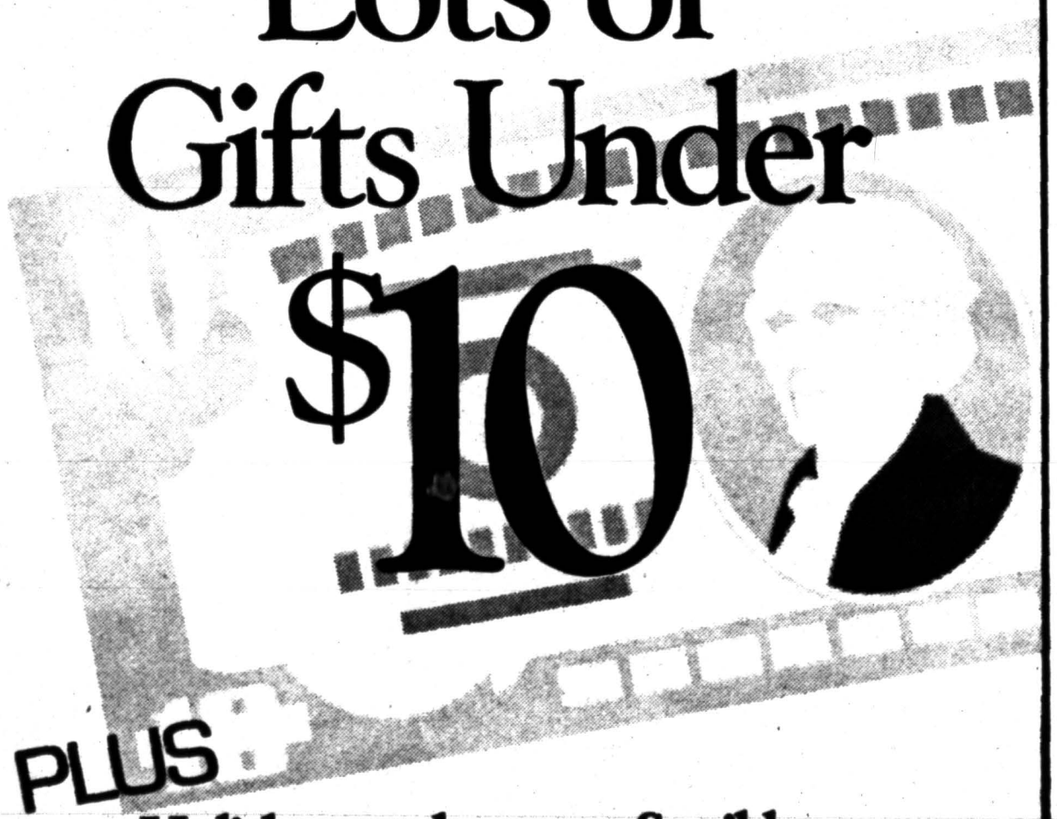

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Music

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I Cantori di Carmel and **Ensemble Monterey**, Dr. Sal Ferrantelli, conductor, present their "Winter Concert," 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14, in the Carmel Mission Basilica. Featured will be works by Schubert, Handel, Tchaikovsky and Herzogenberg.

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The fire and passion of Flamenco are featured in **"Navidad Flamenco"** (Flamenco Christmas). This concert of traditional and contemporary Spanish Flamenco song, dance and music features Las Ramas and begins 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave.

For tickets, call Portofino Presents, 373-7379.

The Monterey Peninsula College Concert Band stages its free Winter Concert, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the MPC Music Hall. Hear works by Grainger, Hindemith, Holst and Vaughn-Williams, as well as holiday favorites.

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The Monterey Museum of Art will be transformed with the sounds and sights of a Dickens-style Christmas from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. The Joyful Tidings Caroling Company and the Festival of Trees can be enjoyed concurrently at the museum, 559 Pacific St., Monterey. Free. 372-5477.

A "Christmas Concert and Community Carol Sing" will be launched 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at the Mayflower Presbyterian Church, Central Avenue at 14th, Pacific Grove.

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Christmas Music at the Missions is offered by the Camerata Singers of Monterey County, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Carmel Mission Basilica and 3 p.m. Dec. 21 at Mission San Antonio in Jolon.

The program of contemporary and classical works features such composers as Mendelssohn, Brahms and Schubert. Tickets are $15/adults; $6 students. 883-0491.

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becomes a winter wonderland, blanketed in snow and twinkling lights. There will be hayrides and entertainment for the young and young at heart and a special visit by Santa. **373-3304.**

The annual **Teddy Bear Tea** begins Saturday, Dec. 13 when the "Pharley Mobile" rolls up to the Monterey Museum of Art for a reading of "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle." While guests enjoy teas and goodies, Barbara Saltzman will read the best-selling children's book. Children will be able to have their pictures taken with the jester as well as partake in a fun art project. Teddy bear tea admission is free to children who are accompanied by a teddy bear. Admission is members is $3 and $4 for nonmembers, $1.50/active military and full-time students with I.D. The teddy bear tea is set noon to 2 p.m. at the Monterey Museum of Art, 559 Pacific St., Monterey. **372-5477.**

The Carmel Art Association continues its **Miniature Show** in the Center Room and gallery foyer, Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel. The collection of miniatures by member-artists can be viewed through Jan. 7. **624-6176.**

The Monterey Museum of Art sponsors **"Festival of Trees: A Return to Tradition."** Spectacular trees, each uniquely decorated, are displayed along with wreaths and holiday vignettes. The festival can be enjoyed through Dec. 31 at the museum, 559 Pacific St., Monterey. **372-5477.**

Holiday traditions and Monterey history merge in **"Christmas in the Adobes,"** presented by the Old Monterey Preservation Society and the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, 5 to 9 nightly through Saturday, Dec. 13. Hosts and hostesses dressed in period costume welcome visitors to Monterey historic buildings lit by luminaria, candlelight and enhanced with period Christmas decorations, musical entertainment and refreshments.

More than 20 participating adobes clustered in a five-block area will be featured and all are within walking distance for the self-guided tour. Parking is available at the Fisherman's Wharf lot. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Cooper Store, 525 Polk St., Monterey, or selected adobes the night of the tour. Tickets: $12 adults/$2 children. **647-6226.**

Monterey's Mexican's heritage is celebrated at **"La Posada,"** a candlelight procession through downtown Monterey to take place Friday, Dec. 12. Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem is reenacted in this community celebration that starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Monterey Conference Center, 1 Portola Plaza.

After the parade, the city's Recreation and Community Services Department will host a piñata party inside the conference center. In case of inclement weather, posada activities will be moved indoors. Bring the family, along with procession candles for adults and flashlights for children. **646-3866.**

The 12th Free Community Christmas Dinner is set noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 25 in the Monterey Room of the Monterey Fairgrounds. Along with complete holiday dinners, there will be entertainment, free used clothing, toys for kids, Santa Claus and more. To volunteer, call **373-3720 or 625-4346.** ✧

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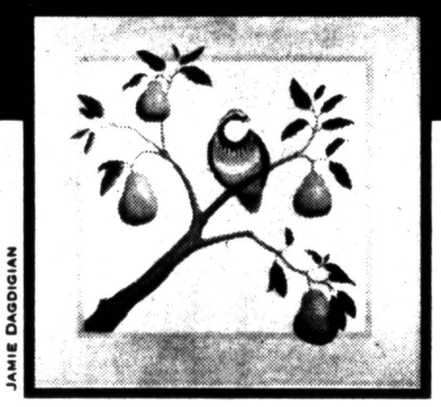
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Tales of little girls and Christmases past

By SISSI MALEKI
Carmel Heritage

It was the first Monday of the month — in this case, the month of December. The girls of Carmel were meeting at the First Murphy House. The former Mary Uzzell, Dorothea Dawson, Natalie Hatton, Lillian Ohm, Jean Gargiulo, Jane Ellen Parker, Mary Riley, Irene Wilson and Katie Hamm all made it to this lunch gathering. Grammar school mates, high school mates, neighborhood mates, soul mates — flimsy labels for the emotional ties that linked this group together. Christmas was in the air. Comments, conversations, recollections of past Christmases, bounced around the circle.

"The day after one Christmas, Jane Ellen Parker invited 12 for a formal dinner and dancing party. It was a beautiful party and we danced downstairs in the music room and I remember at dinner I was seated between Jimmy and Houston.

"Daddy once got about 10 Jack cheeses and the dog came in and took a bite out of each one of them ... I'll never forget the stunned look on his face...

"You know we always went up to the top of the hills with all the family and cut down our own pine tree. Well, one Christmas we brought it in and with everybody working on it we got it all decorated. It looked just terrific. My dad finally went over to sit down in our big rocking chair and said, 'Wow, what a great tree!' Then, as we watched, the whole thing fell over and landed flat! We couldn't believe it! It had taken us all day! We were up most of the night getting it all back together again.

"I think we always had a pine tree from up in the ridge — everyone did. It was a big family affair: 'let's cut this one; no! we don't cut yet, look at this one, maybe this one.' It used to be a real outing and we'd gather pine cones, too.

"My parents always decorated the tree just the night before.

"That's the way it should be done, after the kids go to sleep.

"I remember we used to help. Well, maybe it was already when we were 17, 18...Maybe when I was little I didn't help.

"Maybe when you stopped believing in Santa Claus...

"I think we all went on believing long after the time we should have because it was to our advantage to believe in Santa Claus. I think the presents were ever so much better!

"We'd send the letters to Santa Claus up the chimney — how else was he going to get it?? It would be considered a fire hazard now!

"I had a bachelor uncle who always used to give me and my sister a huge box of rocky road candy and I used to look forward to it all year long. I still remember what a special treat it was. It was really good in those days, or at least my memory says it was great....

"I never got a bicycle because God knows there were too many cars around and — I happened to be an only child!

"I remember my favorite present once. I was about five and it started with a rope. My parents said, 'Here's a rope, it's your Christmas present.' Puzzled, I said 'A rope?' 'Yes, we've got a new rope for you, see where it goes.' So I started following the rope. It went out the door, through the hall and to the outside where — there was a pony standing there! That was my most exciting Christmas...

"Remember Mr. Curtis, the candy man? He always provided all of us kids with candy canes.

Dynamo the donkey

"I remember Dynamo the donkey: if you sat too close to his back, off you went! But he'd always be in the Christmas parades and in the manger scene. It was so hard to get him to move, so you had to poke him with something to get him going. He usually looked like such a sweet, docile creature.

"What about the story of Mr. Curtis when one Christmas he dressed up his pony with reindeer horns on it and hooked it up to a cart. But suddenly it ran away down Ocean Avenue!

"One of the biggest annual Christmas extravaganzas I remember was the Nativity play where we'd all be dressed in white. A couple of kids would get sick and faint because it would get so hot.

"I went to Bay School at Monastery Beach. We were a total of 13 kids for all eight grades, in one school room. For the Christmas party, all the parents would bring food and we'd all go down to the beach and have the party there.

"One beautiful Christmas in the '30s — either Christmas Eve or two nights before Christmas — the Vienna Choir Boys were here.

"Oh, I remember that...what a lovely way to bring in the Christmas spirit! I think it was years later before they made another appearance. The Sunset auditorium was just full that night; the whole town was there.

"Of course the whole town was so small everybody knew everybody else. So when Santa Claus came down Ocean Avenue, we turned to the Christmas tree and everybody stood around to sing Christmas carols. It was such a small town ... it was such a wonderful experience for all of us to have...

And so the little girls — all grown up now — packed up their things and bid each other best wishes for the holidays.

And just maybe there might have been a few collective sighs of relief heard.

No one had thought to ask if any of them still believed a little bit in Santa Claus. ✧

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In the depths of the Great Depression, Carmel-by-the-Sea

By JULIUS FRIEDMAN

It was at the depth of the world-wide Depression on Dec. 8, 1933 when the question was asked: Would there be an official Christmas tree in Carmel?

"As a community goodwill effort, we call attention to the approach of Christmas and point to the last pine in the row on Ocean Avenue, coming east, with the question: 'Who will take on the job of the municipal Christmas tree this year?'" asked a pointed editorial in The Carmel Pine Cone, (probably written by the paper's dynamic editor, Perry Newberry.)

"That's a good old institution that it would be too bad to let lapse," The Pine Cone exhorted. "The children enjoyed it hugely. Also it was a pleasure to everyone coming into town during the nights it was lighted. It gave Carmel a holiday air with the impression of quiet prosperity.

"Some of our clubs or organizations should take it on this year," the editorial declared. The lights and decorations for it are saved from year to year, and the city will probably be willing to appropriate a small sum to help the cost.

"Santa Claus could be induced to make a stop there on Christmas Eve, and carols could be sung."

Then The Pine Cone noted that due to the Depression in 1933 many home Christmases were "being curtailed." But the newspaper pressed ahead "for the public appearance of Santa and the brilliance of a community tree."

"It is an opportunity for the Woman's Club, the Manzanita Club, or some such organization here to do a fine thing for the village."

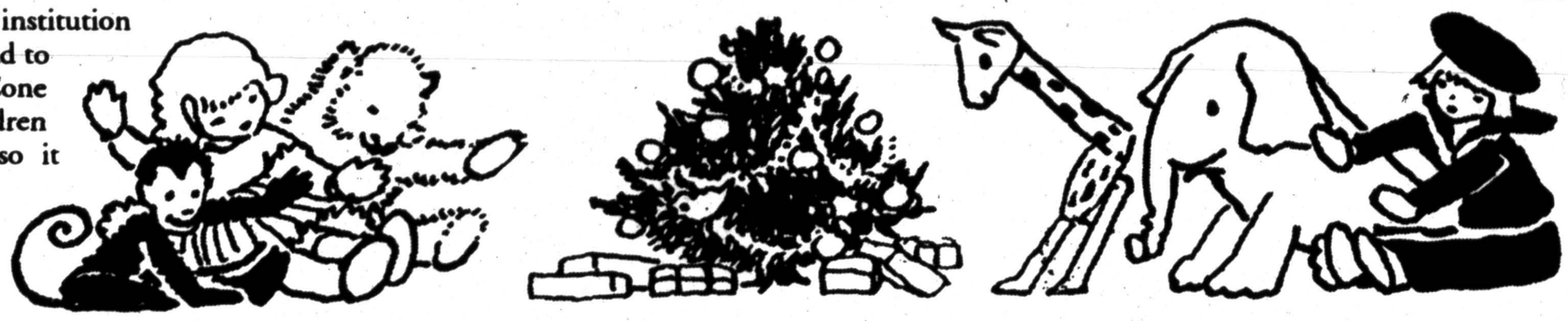
But it was to no avail. A one-inch-sized news story in the publication as 1933 neared an end, said, "The absence of the Ocean Avenue Christmas tree was noted by residents and visitors to the village who missed its glowing cheer at the end of the business district."

But the newspaper refused to blame anyone. "The neglect was in the nature of an oversight," the paper said.

But The Pine Cone wouldn't let go. In an editorial in the same issue someone said, "The lack of customary Christmas tree on Ocean Avenue gave Carmel an appearance of somber gloom quite at variance with the holiday spirit. The few show windows that had been decorated in Christmas colors stood out conspicuously because of the absence of the municipal tree, but Ocean Avenue was not a dazzlement of luminosity.

"That another tradition of Carmel, the open-air Christmas tree and its Santa Claus and carolers should depart into the mists of the past where are the milk-shrines, Gus's horse, and, perhaps the Forest Theater, is a real sorrow to many of us.

"That none of our civic organizations had interest enough to take on the decorating of the tree and the arrangement of the program, even money was appropriated by the city coun-



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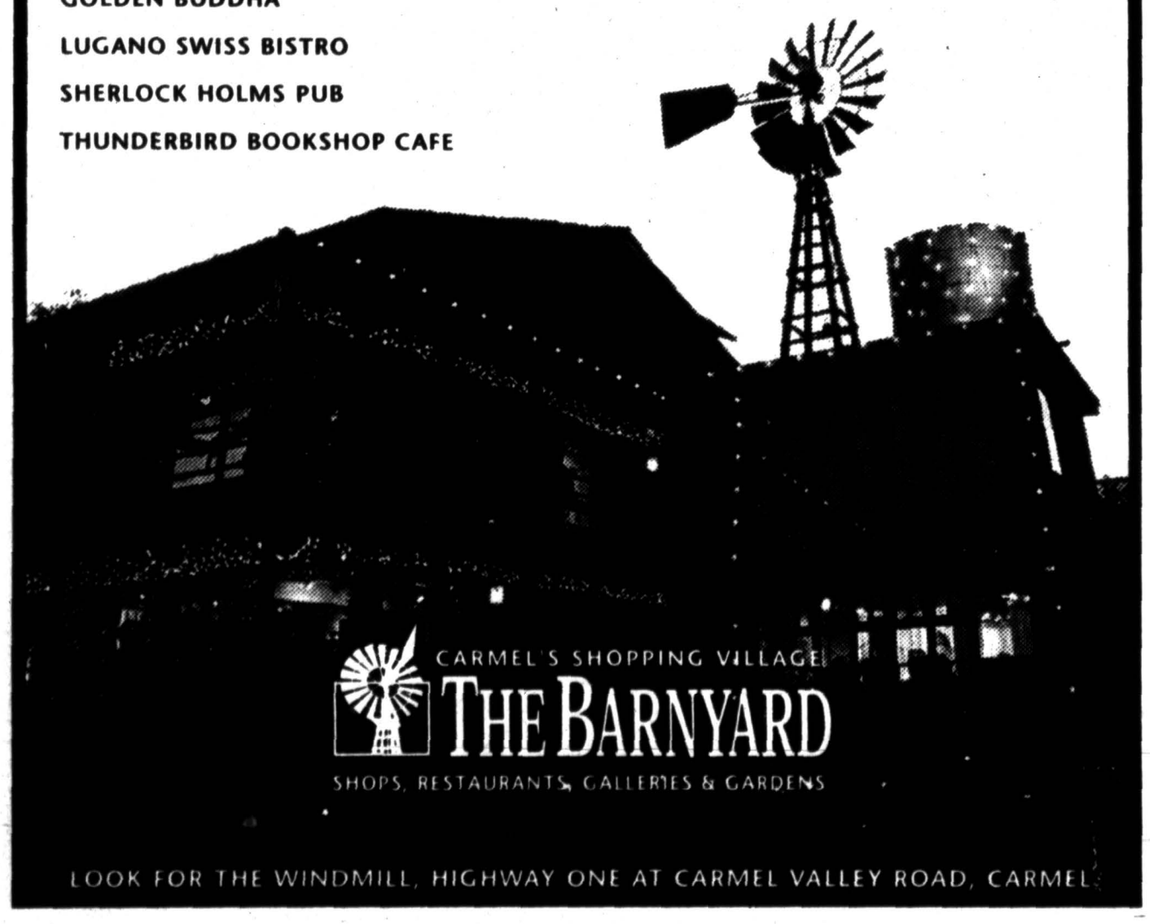
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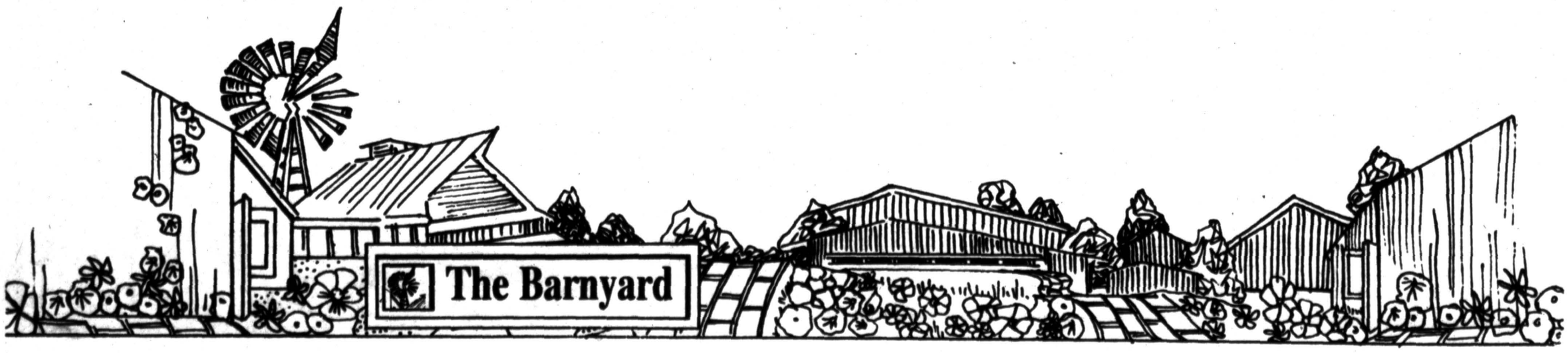

lacked its official Christmas tree

cil for the work, is so indicative of the passing of the spirit that used to actuate the village that it leaves the old-timer with a hopeless feeling.

'That another tradition of Carmel, the open-air Christmas tree and its Santa Claus and carolers should depart into the mists of the past where are the milk-shrines, Gus's horse, and, perhaps the Forest Theater, is a real sorrow to many of us.'

— The Carmel Pine Cone
December 1933

"Is it the turning of the road that has meant a Carmel of distinction?" asked the burning editorial.

"Are we leading now toward the little city of conventionality?"

As far back as Dec. 19, 1908, a tiny news story noted, "It has been suggested that on Christmas Eve one of the splendid pines on Ocean Avenue be decorated with bright colors and small electric lights." It was suggested that the Carmel townspeople could gather there and some tree bark could be used to suggest the manger, and that the whole thing would grow "year by year into a distinctive Christmas festival."

Arlene Hess, local history librarian at Harrison Memorial Library, says it was in December 1926 that Carmel announced it was going to have a community Christmas tree for the first time.

The announcement was preceded by a poem which said:

"The happy voices ring across the years,
In Bethlehem a child was born, they cry,
Beneath a star!"

Hess says thus the matter stood with Carmel Christmas trees each year from 1926. On Dec. 18, 1931, as the country moved deeper into the Depression, The Pine Cone noted that Carmel would have a community Christmas tree to be handled by individual residents' donations. The city itself donated $10, but donations were asked for the Christmas tree.

A year later, the city announced it would donate its usual $10 for the tree, since it "was pointed out that it would be a great blow to the village if it was not carried out."

Mayor John Cartlin appointed a committee headed by Marie Gordon to greet the Carmel boys and girls with the visit of Santa Claus Christmas Eve at the community tree at Ocean and San Carlos. Christmas Eve was chosen specifically to avoid "commercializing."

By 1934 the Christmas tree was at Ocean Avenue and Junipero Street and PG&E donated the electric current to light the tree and the Business Association bought lighting equipment so that the main trees could be lighted yearly. A small tree was placed in front of every downtown store.

And Historian Arlene Hess says it was only in 1933 that the city of Carmel missed an official Christmas celebration.✧

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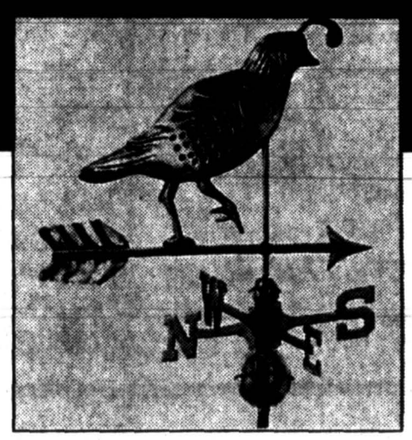

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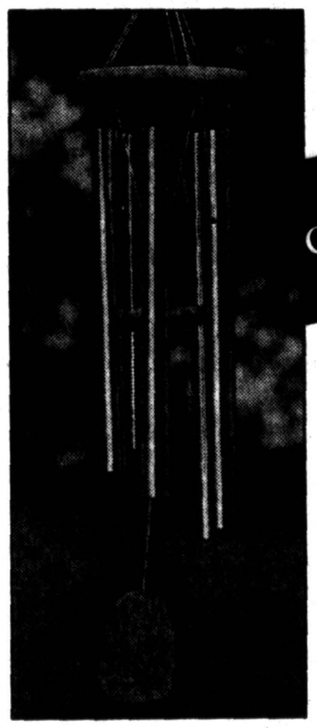

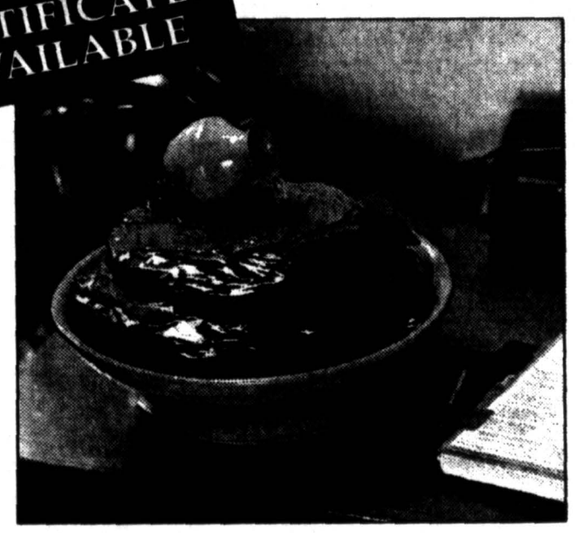

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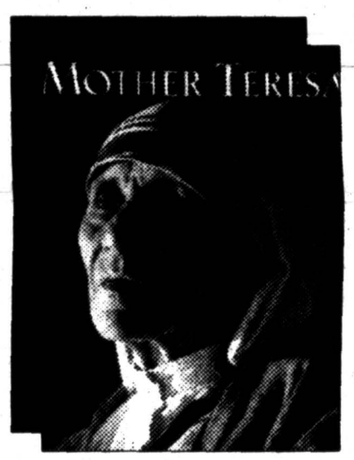

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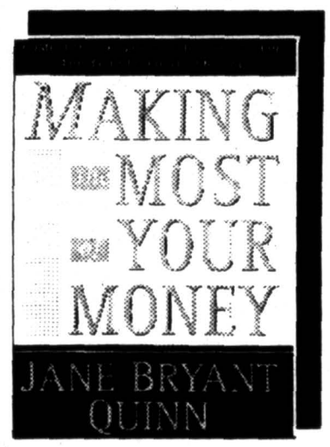

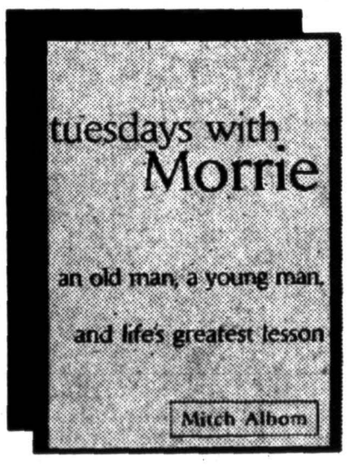

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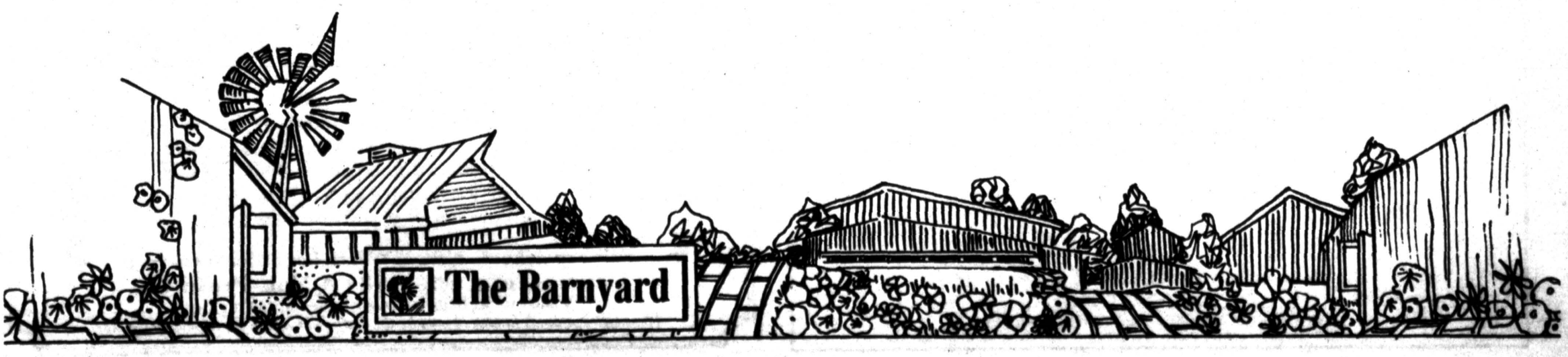

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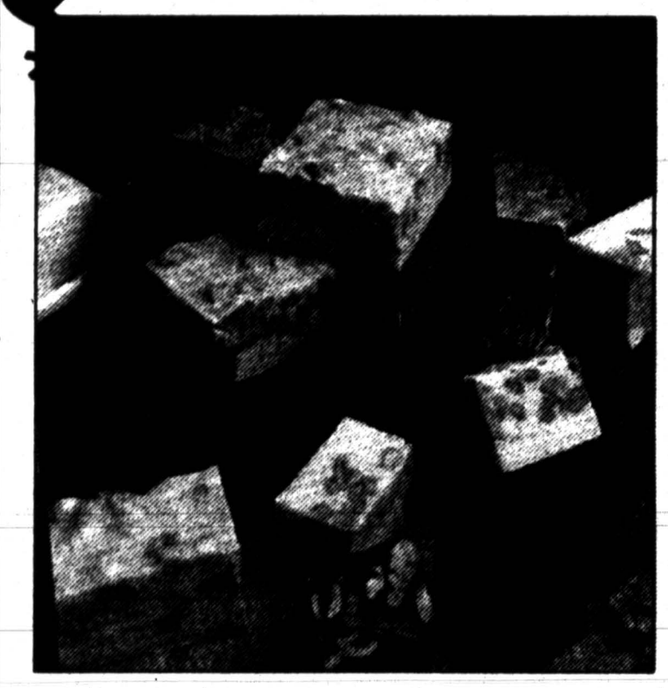

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An Irish Christmas

By PATRICK WHITEHURST

Perhaps nowhere in the world is Christmas celebrated with more joy than in Ireland. Christmas to the Irish is associated with tradition and the fervor of faith. It is a time of shared memories and customs. It is a time when the people drift into their past and gather together before their Yuletide hearth.

The magic of Christmas in Ireland is a time of hospitality, of feasting . . . and of lore and superstition. This is doubly so in the rural countryside where I spent my first Irish Christmas.

In Ireland many of the old people remember the times when country folk rarely ate bakers' bread except on "high days and holidays." It is still their custom in the west of Cork and in the mysterious mountainous regions in the east of Kerry for the country folk to bake their own great barmbrak bread for Christmas.

In days past in those remote areas of southwest Ireland the "vanithee" on Twelth Day would take out a "round" of freshly baked cake, throw it against the house-door and cry out: "I wish hunger to the Sassenach, or to some other scoundrel that threatened discomfort." This oath when viewed from the comfort of today's hearth doesn't seem like a very charitable custom with which to wind up the season of peace and goodwill, but it was supposed to secure a year's abundance and good fortune for the woman's own household.

When I lived in west Cork, barmbraks still figured in the customs of the Christmas season and, since I was a new and ignorant yank, old Kathleen Daley of Glanroon brought me a cake on the eve of Twelfth Night. "God knows Luv, ye need all t' luck ye can get."

An authentic "Little Christmas Cake" contains a ring, a sign of an early marriage, a coin, wealth, a pea or a bean, good luck, and if a bit of stick is found the finder is doomed to single blessedness. In former days bits of rag were put into the cake — blue for the life of a sailor, red for a soldier, green for a policeman, black for a widower, and a straw for a farmer.

Since, in my case, most of the options were covered, Old Katy laced the cake she had baked for me with halfpenny coins and peas . . . God bless her.

The yule-log will always burn on the hearth, but electricity and matches have almost killed the superstition that it is unlucky to give away light or fire at Christmas.

In my part of west Cork a candle is burned in every window throughout the night on Christmas Eve and it is still thought lucky to breakfast by candlelight on Christmas morn.

On Christmas day clothes are not to be washed, rooms swept, or the bed turned down, and all work is to be avoided. Which is easy enough for the men, but difficult for the women who must prepare the Christmas feast.

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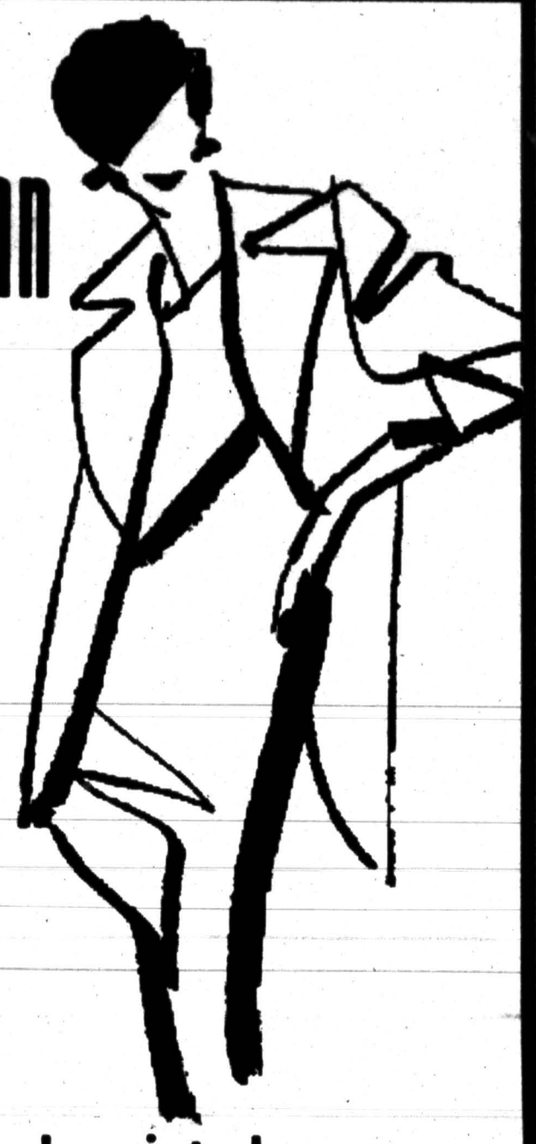

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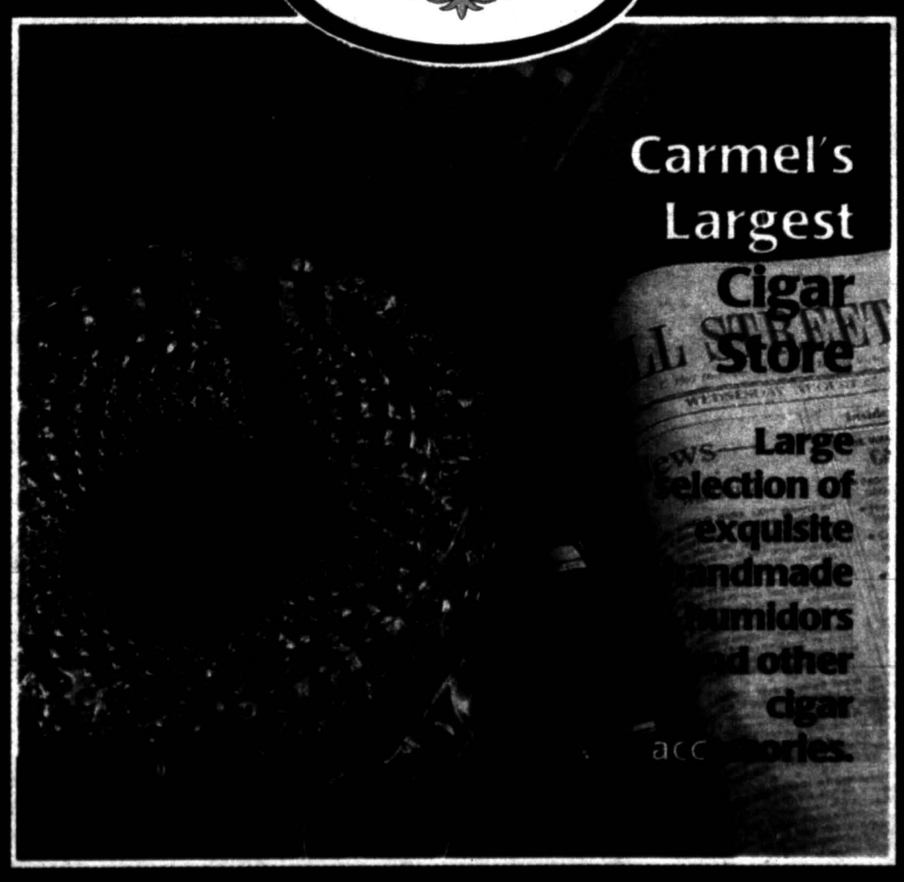

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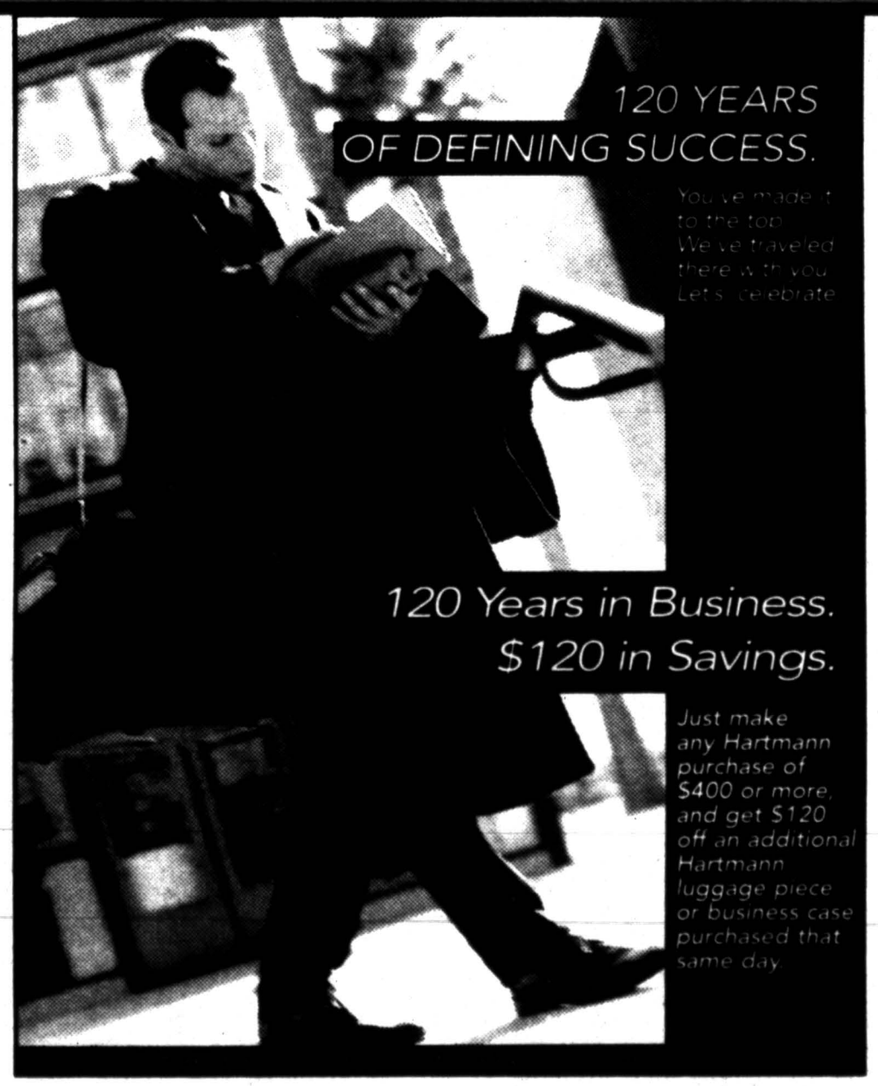
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It's always a big bash when screen actor/director and former Carmel Mayor Clint Eastwood is in town. Here, in February, at the Galaxy Theaters in Del Monte Shopping Center, he autographs a book for Carmel resident Camilla May at his world premiere gala for 'Absolute Power.'

Dedicated to all the people whose names and organizations have been left out. This is truly for you, too.

Social Spotlight

By Dodie Barkley

It didn't matter whether you wore a tuxedo, a pair of Levis or a Halloween clown outfit, the subtext for 1997 was party, party, party!

The 18th hole at Pebble sported a huge white tent with crystal chandeliers, where people sipped Merlot, while gazing at exquisite automobiles at the Concours d'Elegance. The Highlands Inn was the site of a most glorious festival — Masters of Food and Wine — where, for an entire week, prestigious chefs like Julia Child, Wolfgang Puck and others performed culinary magic.

Under the huge cottonwoods out at the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club, with a plateful of wild boar and the best beans west of the Rio Grande, people could watch the sky turn orange and gold as the sun set over the mountains. On the lovely green Quail Meadows, a white horse might trot lazily toward the lake to drink, as Canadian geese and mallards flew by and guests placed silent bids on auction items.

Thousands were at these gathering places to party all year.

Who can forget Clint Eastwood's "Absolute Power" gala premiere last February that benefited the Carmel Youth Center, or the Polonaise Ball that highlighted Chopin's music? Or the magnificent Feast for AIDS?

Remember all the luncheons at local bistros the Monterey County Symphony held throughout the year to honor guest artists who performed so brilliantly? How about Leon Panetta's return in March and the Meals on Wheels Fifth Annual Red and White Ball at Rancho Cañada, and the Monterey Bay Symphony playing under the trees at NPGS? Remember when Pulitzer prize-winner Jane Smiley wowed 350 members of The Friends of Hospice at their annual luncheon at The Inn at Spanish Bay? Or when Gus Arriola, Hank Ketcham and Eldon Dedini left all in stitches at a Gentrain meeting at MPC?

How about all the Carmel Woman's Club monthly teas where guest artists shared their talents with the members? And all the events held by the Carmel Library Foundation to keep our libraries alive and well?

And the clubs like Soroptimists, the Professional Women's Network, Panhellenic, The Friends of MIIS, The Republican Women Federated, The Civic Club of Monterey, The Carmel Valley Women's Club, The Friends of Legal Services for Seniors, The NAACP and Lifesavers, all of whom donate thousands to helping others. Of course, The United Way, The Pebble Beach Co. and The Salvation Army held incredible events to garner more help for the community, as did The American Cancer, Heart and Lung societies, and The Alliance on Aging.

Let's not forget the thrift shops like the Discovery Shop and Yellow Brick Road that donate to local charities.

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Irish Christmas

FROM PAGE 8D

In west Cork the country folk believe that wearing new garments at Christmas will ensure that other new garments will be forthcoming in the new year. It is unlucky to wear ragged clothes on this day. A hole means a leak in the purse, but if a garment happens to get torn on the festive day it must never be sewn. Needlework on Christmas is unlucky. The garment can be pinned together though because the use of pins is very lucky at Yuletide. Some believe pins represent the thorns of the holly, a good luck tree and the substance of many fine, dependable walking sticks.

A more reasonable explanation is probably that in olden days pins were considered a luxury item by the poor and were given as gifts. Way back in Irish history pins were only sold on the first and second of January, so women were given "pin-money" for their purchase at the beginning of the year.

The custom of pinning a sprig of mistletoe on clothing during the season is also supposed to bring luck for the new year and a kiss from a pretty colleen which is very good luck indeed.

In order to have 12 happy months in the coming year one should visit one dozen houses during the holidays. More luck comes your way if you take a taste of plum pudding in some other home than your own.

If the Irish did all those things that were supposed to bring peace and good fortune to them for the coming year they would not only be very busy, they would be dyspeptic, and would probably have their share of broken teeth from biting down on all those hard things hidden in the barmbrak and the Christmas pudding.

Good fortune attached

There is not one old Irish custom connected to the Christmas season that has not some degree of fortune attached to it.

The Irish cannot even stir the Christmas pudding without "loosin' the luck" if they do it incorrectly. Each member of the family is asked, and expected, to give the puddin' a stir. But it is mandatory that the stir be in a clockwise direction, from East to West as it were, to commemorate the journey of the Wise Men who had journeyed from the East to visit the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

Twelve eggs must go into the pudding to be "lucky" (one for every month of the year), and no less than 12 ingredients must go into the batter, and it must be laced with tiny good luck charms, preferably silver.

There is even legend connected with the mince-meat pies. Long ago they were not round but oblong in shape, and were meant to represent the manger of the Christ Child. Everything that goes into the making of mince-meat is connected somehow to the story of the Wise Men. The candied peel represents the gold that was offered, the mace stands for the frankincense and the cinnamon symbolizes the myrrh. And of course to partake of the pie brings more good luck.

Naturally you have heard of the "Luck of the Irish." Now you know why. It's because they had a very merry Christmas as I pray you all do. ✧

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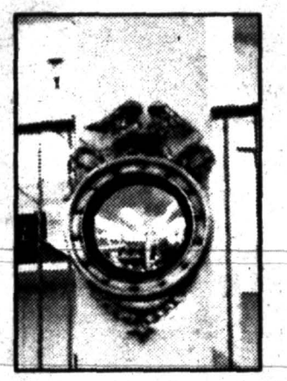

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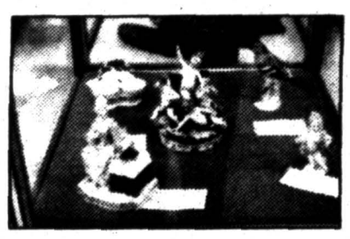

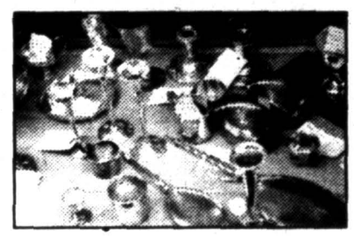

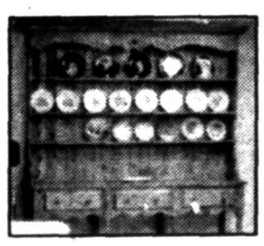

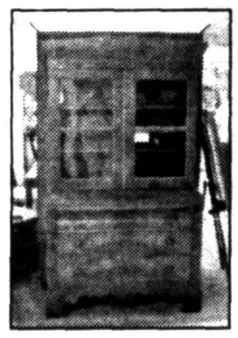

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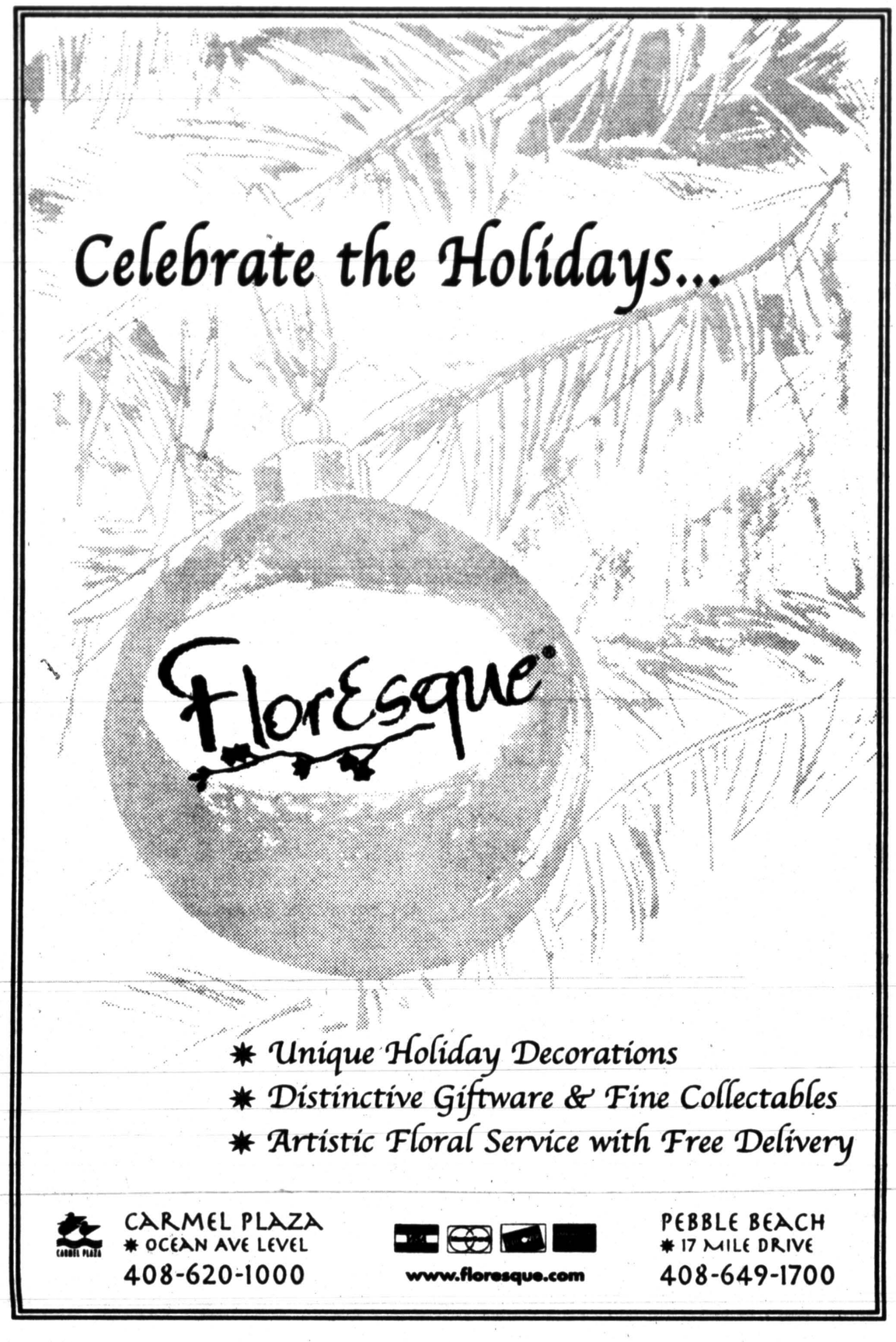

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Many charitable organizations call on former White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta to speak at their major dinner parties. Carmelites John and Mary Robotti greeted the Panettas upon their return to the peninsula. This reception filled the entire conference center at the DoubleTree Hotel.

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All the cultural festivals, art, theater and music — The Carmel Bach Festival, Pacific Repertory Theatre, the wonderfully new, live and kicking Carmel Performing Arts Festival, Dance Kids, Inc., the Tartan Ball, the Merienda and the rodeos.

Remember the charitable events all the churches held, the bazaars, the fairs and other banquets to help needy people?

We can never, ever overlook the parties launched by society matrons, those women who donated their homes to honor volunteers who had done yeoman work for charity.

And, what makes all the above so important? Well, I remember as a kid when my mother celebrated Christmas dinner at home, it was the excitement, the movement towards a specific goal, that fueled the party. Oh, the prepara-

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Olympic Gold medalist Heather Pease modeled clothing from Carmel shops for the Friends of Monterey County Symphony Luncheon in April.

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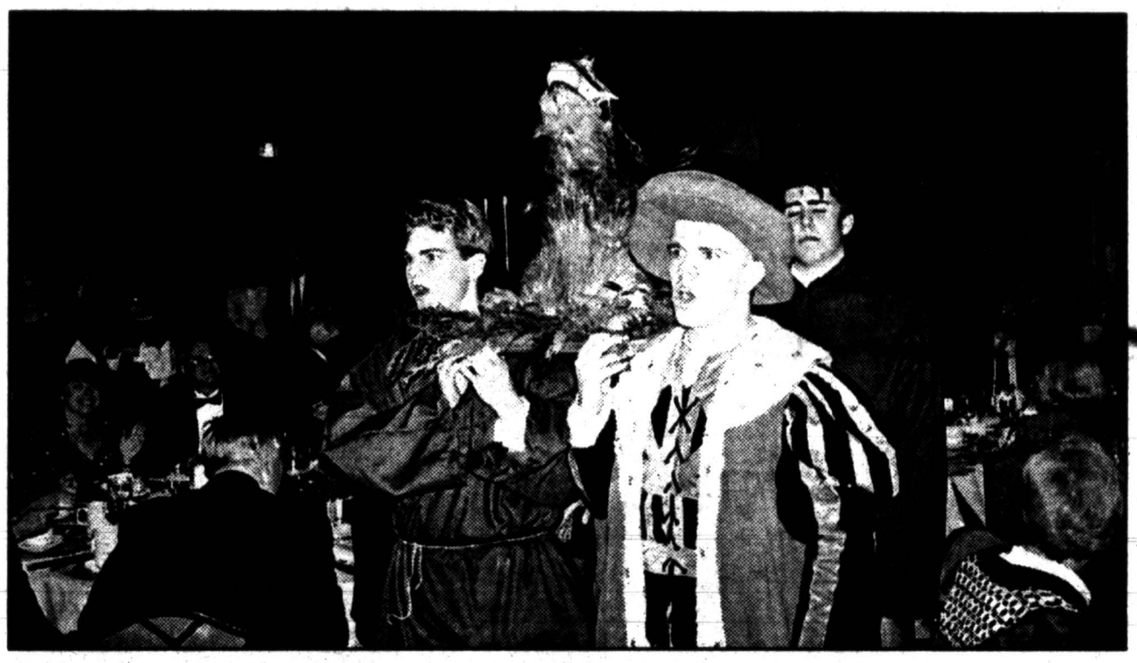
The Friends of John Paul II Foundation of Northern California held their Sixth Annual Polonaise Ball at the Monterey Plaza Hotel in February. A Polish Folk Ballet Group from Los Angeles danced the Polonaise.



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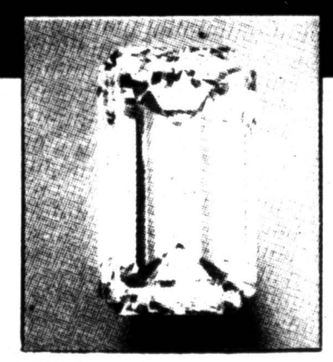

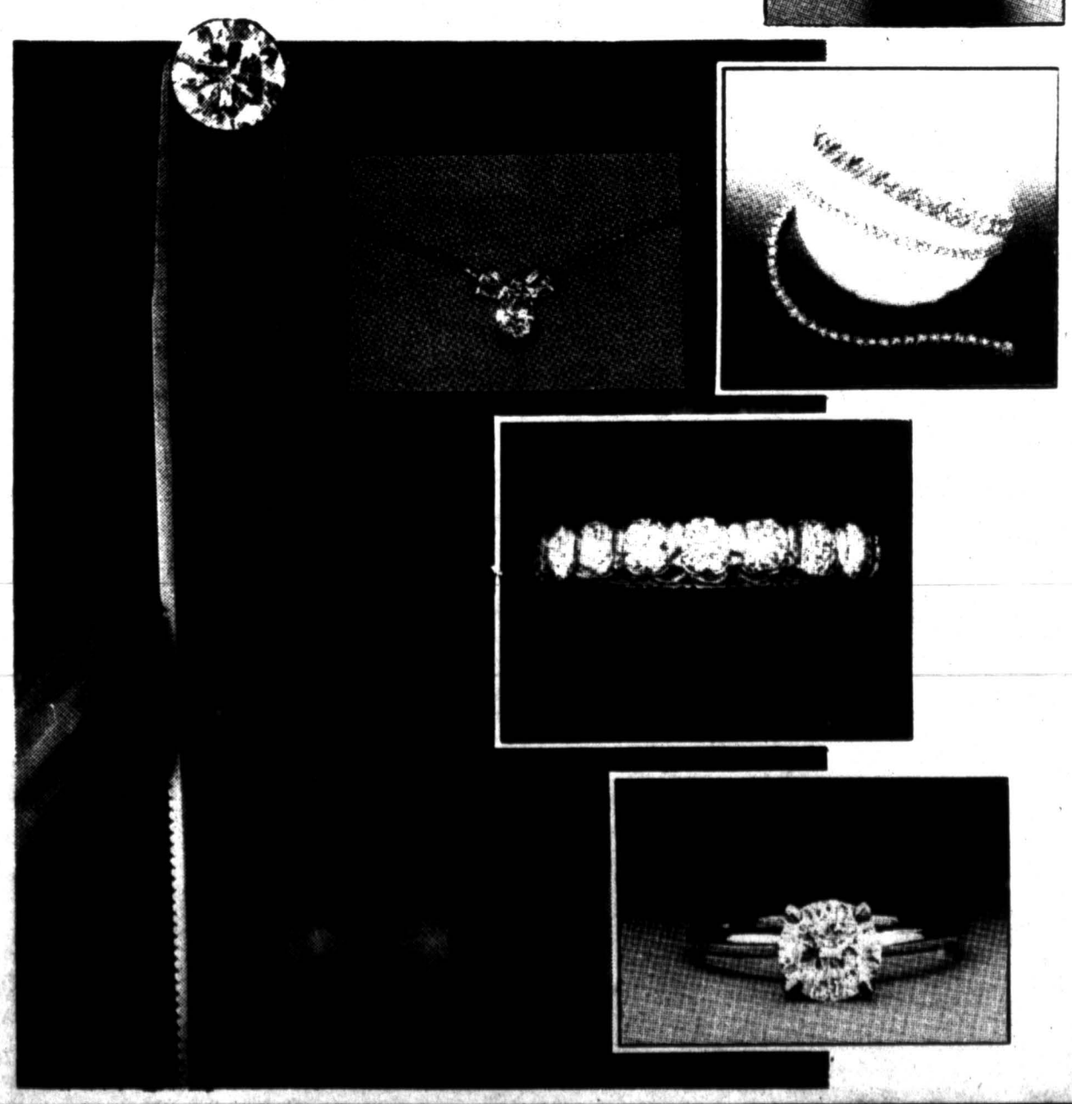

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In June, the Fifth Annual Carmel Valley Cowboy show, held at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, was a hugh success for the C.V. Historical Society. It was a sellout crowd. From left: Gene Gimble, Richard Chan, Society President E.R. Gregory and Bill Ingram play old-time knee-slapping favorites.

It was a Hawaiian theme at one of the many private parties held in the Carmel area. Here, attorney Joe LaMantia cuts his September birthday cake in the company of his wife June, and hosts Stan and Barbara Yeomans.

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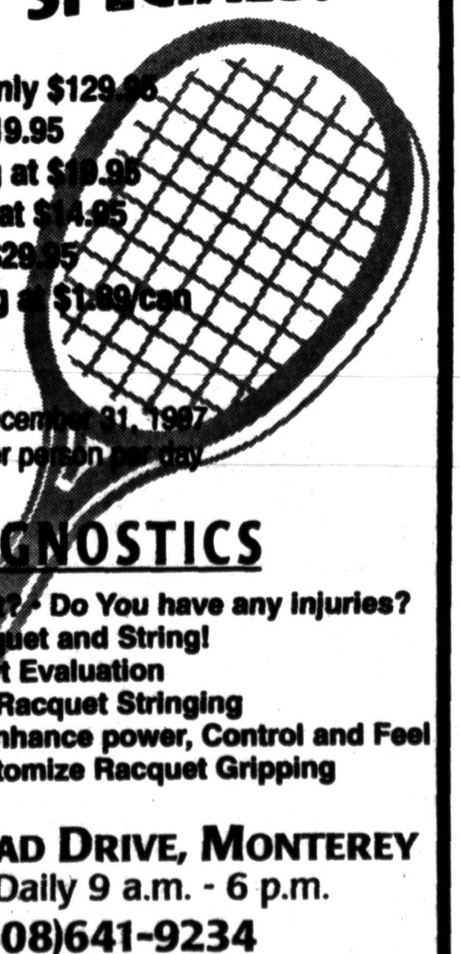

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by Brian Gingerich
Mattress Specialist

Beds wear out so gradually, you may not notice because your body constantly makes small adjustments daily. It takes sleeping in a good bed to recognize the difference. If you ache in the morning and can't stand to stay in bed, it's probably time for a new mattress.

A worn out mattress can seriously undermine efforts to stay in great health. Everything good you do for your body is negated by a bad bed. It's hard to eliminate back problems, aches and pains. Exercise and proper diet can only do so much if your body is resting in a position without the proper support. Breathing and circulation is affected and you do not have the comfort that allows you to fall into a deep sleep.

A mattress, very simply, is a spring unit upholstered with layers of padding. A quality spring should give an average size adult a support life of ten years, yet the padding generally will not last that long and is the first thing to wear out.

Most mattresses feel good when you first lie down on them. What makes the difference months or years later, is the quality of the padding. It should give good support and hold you with even pressure distributed the entire length of your body when you are curled up on your side. Your spine should be held in the same good posture as when you are standing.

When a bed doesn't contour enough, most of your weight is supported on your hips and your shoulders. Pressure on these points is not only uncomfortable but can cut off circulation and cause you to roll from side to side all night. When it contours too much, you sink in and lose good posture, much like sleeping in a hammock.

Put your mattress to the test. Look across your bed for any visible body impressions or sagging. The upholstery material should feel as it did when you first bought the bed. You shouldn't sink through the padding or feel the springs. A well-made mattress of high quality materials will return to its original shape so you won't need to turn it every month to fluff poor quality padding.

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1997 inspired celebrations around Peninsula

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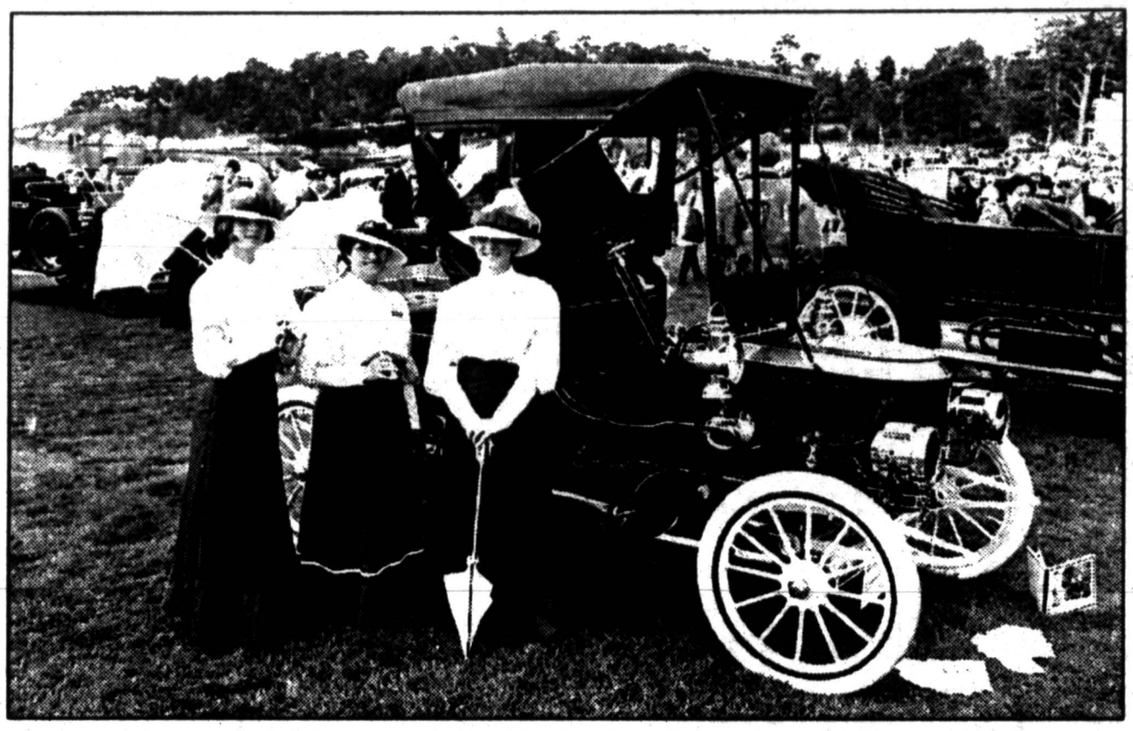
tion, the lists of foods, the yelling to one of my brothers, "You're not going to wear that shirt, take it off!" My secret yearnings — I wonder if Tommy will come.

The cleaning up, the reflections about how pale Aunt Alfa looked, or how much Uncle Freddy enjoyed the turkey — the rest periods, all of it. Why did we do all that work once or twice a year? It was to get all the relatives together to reestablish family ties!

OK, but why did the unsung volunteers above who addressed envelopes, baked foods, arranged roses and lilies, greeted guests, picked up and hosted guest speakers, donated huge sums of money and time and bought every auction item available in Monterey, do all those things? What was it that fueled their energies, Virginia? Virginia? Oh, it just dawned on me that maybe I'm talking to Virginia, that ingenious little girl who asked the eternally ambiguous question, "Is there a Santa?"

Perhaps, they celebrate just being alive. Maybe the great mystery of whirling about on a small planet in the universe, not knowing what's coming up, stirs them to their depths as it does me. Maybe like Santa, they just love what they do. I don't know, Virginia, but one thing I do know, from sunset to dawn, the parties will go on and on and on, ending with the moving Feast of Revels in December, held by the Salvation Army to celebrate Christmas and to give every needy family a Christmas dinner and toys for their children.

Yes, dear Virginia, there is a Santa. He's you, he's me, he's every single one of us. MERRY CHRISTMAS forever and ever! ✧



Call it a party, or call it an event; the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance last August brought people from all over the world. Here, Linsey Robinson, Nelda Foster and Marisa Stock pose in front of a 1907 Stanley Steamer.

For the love of art and for graduates who intend to make art their career, the City of Pacific Grove came up with the Beaux Arts Ball in March. Here, Pacific Grove Mayor Sandy and husband Dan Koffman, sandwich co-chair Flo Schaefer between them.

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